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## Nothing but RUBBLE

Florida 'back to frontier days' in wake of Michael

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The Washington Post

**U**P A red dirt road in the center of the Florida Panhandle, past fields of ripening cotton, the piney woods looks like pick-up sticks. Some trees are bent like praying mantises, and the few power poles still standing lean at precarious angles, their

**'I want power and water. The rest of it we can deal with.'**

Jean Lipford  
Florida resident

wires doing loop-the-loops around outstretched limbs.

Until Saturday, when neighbors broke through with chain saws and an excavator, the Lipford home, sitting on 160 acres the family has owned since the Civil War, was cut off from civilization. The only way into the property was on an all-terrain vehicle crossing the waterlogged pastures and over bridges built of wooden pallets.

"We're back to frontier days," said Jean

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## ANALYSIS

### Discord raises concern of rift between US, South Korea

By KIM GAMEL  
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SEOUL, South Korea — A rare public display of discord between the U.S. and South Korea has raised concerns about a growing rift over efforts to persuade North Korea to give up its nuclear weapons.

At the heart of the issue are fears that Seoul is moving too fast and letting its guard down by embracing North Korea despite a lack of progress in denuclearization, although the longtime allies insist they remain in agreement on the final goal.

Under legislative questioning, South Korea's foreign minister revealed Wednesday that Secretary of State Mike Pompeo had complained to her about a recent inter-Korean military agreement.

"I wouldn't say he made strong expressions," Kang Kyung-wha said during an annual parliamentary audit. "It was discontent about how he was not briefed sufficiently, and he had a lot of questions."

The two Koreas have agreed to a series of hostility-reduction steps in and around their heavily fortified border, including halting military drills, setting up a no-fly zone and beginning to remove land mines and guard posts.

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Pompeo



Kang

Above: Blocks sit where buildings used to stand after Category 4 Hurricane Michael made landfall along the Florida Panhandle on Wednesday in Mexico Beach, Fla. Below: People walk amid rubble in the aftermath of Michael in Mexico Beach on Saturday.

PHOTOS BY JABIN BOTSFORD/The Washington Post, ABOVE, AND GERALD HERBERT/AP, BELOW



## PACIFIC

# Former Marine said to admit to slaying

By MATTHEW M. BURKE  
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CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Local media reports say a former Marine arrested over the summer in connection with a grisly drug-related homicide on Taiwan has allegedly confessed to the crime.

Ewart Odane Bent, 30, was taken into custody Aug. 24 by Taiwanese police in the death of Ramgahan Sanjay Ryan, a 43-year-old Canadian man who was killed and then dismembered with machetes on the evening of Aug. 21, according to the English-language Taiwan News.

Both Bent and Ryan were English teachers reportedly involved with a local drug ring.

Bent allegedly confessed to premeditated homicide and took investigators to the scene of the crime earlier this month, according to Taiwan News, which cited the nation's Criminal Investigation Bureau.

The reported confession came on the heels of the extradition of a second suspect. Israeli-American tattoo shop owner and former Israel Defense Forces soldier Oren Shlomo Mayer, 37, fled Taiwan for the Philippines after the killing. He was extradited back to Taiwan on Sept. 17.

Bent served in the Marines from Dec. 6, 2006, to Aug. 7, 2009, as a cryogenics equipment operator, Marine officials told Stars and Stripes. His last duty station was on Okinawa with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 36, Marine Aircraft Group 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

Taiwanese media reports said Bent moved to the country at the behest of Mayer.

Bent, Mayer and Ryan allegedly began collaborating on selling marijuana, mostly to foreigners, Taiwan News said.

Taiwanese media said the victim, Ryan, became known to police after an investigation into marijuana sales led them to him earlier this year. He was reportedly arrested with a large amount of marijuana but later released.

Bent and Mayer suspected he had become a police informant when some of their colleagues were arrested on drug-related charges, Taiwan News said.

Bent told authorities that he and Mayer "lured" Ryan to a riverside park in New Taipei City where he usually walked his dog and conducted business, Taiwan News said. The pair struck up a casual conversation with Ryan and played with the animal, the report said.

The trio then proceeded down an embankment to the river where they drank beer.

Bent allegedly told authorities that Mayer choked an inebriated Ryan to death with a wire chord, Taiwan News reported.

The pair then chopped up his body, placed it in plastic trash bags and threw them into the river.

The dog ran home and reportedly led two of Ryan's friends to his body the next day.

Police began to focus their homicide investigation on Bent because Ryan's phone showed they had argued over drugs, Taiwan News reported. Bent's phone also placed him in the area at the time of the killing.

Bent allegedly told authorities that he waited until Mayer was in custody to confess to his role in the crime because he feared retribution, Taiwan News reported. He shuddered and broke down when investigators took him back to the crime scene.

"Please don't make me think back to



Screenshot from Facebook

**Former U.S. Marine Ewart Odane Bent has been arrested in Taiwan in connection with the slaying of a Canadian teacher.**

such a terrible thing," the report said he told police.

Prosecutors are investigating whether a third man was involved in the killing, Taiwan News reported. Wu Hsuan, 21, a Taiwanese-Canadian man who worked as a nightclub promoter, was arrested after Ryan's slaying.

Wu allegedly colluded with Bent and Mayer in selling drugs at the club, Taiwan News said. He told police that he purchased the machetes used to dismember Ryan's body and stood lookout while they killed Ryan.

He was later released on about \$10,000 bond, and his attorneys have since denied that he was present at the time of the killing.

Bent has reportedly told police that Wu monitored the Taipei side of the Sindian River and set off fireworks when Ryan neared the meeting point, Taiwan News reported.

Police are considering administering a polygraph test.

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## Flight instructor program eyed to retain Navy pilots

By CHRISTIAN LOPEZ  
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The Navy hopes a new program scheduled to kick off sometime next year will help combat manning shortages in the service's pilot community.

The Professional Flight Instructor program will provide well-qualified pilots and naval flight officers a chance to continue as flight instructors later in their careers, according to a naval administrative message issued Sept. 28.

Serving as an alternative to the traditional sea/shore rotational career path, the new program will offer greater assignment stability for those selected, the message said.

"The PFI program will help improve retention by providing greater career flexibility for officers and their families while leveraging on enhanced fleet experiences and critical instructional skillsets of our current cadres of Aviation Warfighting Professionals," Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Creighan, the program's director, told Stars and Stripes in an email Oct. 7.

Officers selected to become flight instructors can remain in the program until they choose to withdraw or retire, the Navy message said. Those who leave will no longer be eligible for command consideration, though they can still qualify for a statutory promotion board consideration.

The Navy is now accepting applications from qualified aviators and flight officers for the first PFI board, scheduled for Nov. 20, the message said. The program is expected to start sometime in 2019.

The Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps are all facing a pilot-retention crisis. The Air Force and Navy began offering bonuses to their pilots earlier this year. In March, the Navy increased the bonus available for certain officers to \$175,000 for those willing to serve five more years.

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## MILITARY

# US pilots train in big UK exercise

By WILLIAM HOWARD  
Stars and Stripes

RAF LAKENHEATH, England — American air power took over the British skies last week as the 48th Fighter Wing hosted massive aerial war games for visiting F-22 Raptor and U.S. Navy F-18 Super Hornet squadrons.

During the training, 24 fourth- and fifth-generation fighter jets roared into the sky in rapid succession during multiple day and night training scenarios that pitted the jets against mock adversaries.

"We're going out there to do large-force exercise training to practice our air-to-air and air-to-ground skill sets, simulating like we're going to a war," said Lt. Col. William "Wild" Wooten, 492nd Fighter Squadron commander. "Here in England, especially, it's very rare that we'll have F-22s, F-15Cs and Es and F-18s all on the same ramp."

As the fourth-generation fighters integrated their tactics with fifth-generation F-22s, KC-135 Stratotankers kept the training moving with a continuous fuel supply, and a NATO E-3 Sentry provided command and control.

"It's all complementary because each airframe is much better at certain aspects," said the 27th Fighter Squadron commander, whose name has been withheld for operational security reasons. "Each has their niche, and it's easy to take that competition and figure out who's good at what and who's not as good."

While the exercise is unique, large-scale aerial war games are surprisingly common as different forces train together to learn how to fight as a coalition in contingency operations, said U.S. Navy Commander E.P. "Blue" Hadler.

"We do get to work together with a lot of different countries, air forces and naval forces as well," said Hadler, commander of the Strike Fighter Squadron 136 aboard Carrier Air Wing One. "It's important that we know and understand each other's tactics and try to find out how we can get better."

Two squadrons of local F-15s are scheduled to train with eight visiting F-18s and six F-22s until about Oct. 22, according to the Air Force.



An F-15C Eagle from the 493rd Fighter Squadron takes off from RAF Lakenheath, England, last Tuesday during training hosted by the 48th Fighter Wing.

PHOTOS BY WILLIAM HOWARD/Stars and Stripes



An F-22 Raptor, above, and a U.S. Navy F-18 Super Hornet, below, take off during the training.



## Reservist who was MP now a convicted pimp

By MICHAEL GORDON  
The Charlotte (N.C.) Observer

Military policeman in Afghanistan. Pimp in Charlotte, N.C.

Those two sides of Xavier Boston, 29, crashed head-on last week in an uptown Charlotte federal courtroom. There, the former Army Reserve corporal was convicted of running a five-year sex-trafficking ring that preyed on young, drug-addicted women.

Three of those women testified against Boston during his three-day trial. After seven hours of deliberations, Boston's jury found him guilty of six counts of sex trafficking and one count of using an interstate facility to promote a prostitution enterprise, prosecutors say.

Boston, nicknamed "Romeo," faces 15 years to life and a \$250,000 fine for each trafficking conviction. He will be sentenced by U.S. District Judge Robert Conrad at a later date. Boston remained in custody Friday at the Mecklenburg County Jail.

After the verdict, U.S. Attorney Andrew Murray described Boston as a predator "who ran a criminal enterprise that violated the most basic standards of human decency." Boston, according to Murray, "preyed on and abused vulnerable young women ... and used violence and drugs to exert his control."

According to court documents, Boston recruited women, including one teenager, who were struggling with addiction. He promised them heroin, hydrocodone and other drugs both to feed their habits and to control them.

When the women refused to follow his commands or not hand over what they had earned from having sex, Boston withheld their drugs and thrust them into the agonies of withdrawal, documents say. He also choked, punched and slapped them.

Once, according to prosecutors, Boston pistol-whipped one of the women and broke her nose.

Boston began operations in 2012 and shut down the ring only once — in 2016 when he was deployed to Afghanistan to join the security detail of a U.S. major general stationed in Kabul, documents say.

Shortly after returning home in March 2017, Boston slipped into his daughters' elementary school in Winston-Salem for a surprise visit.

"I was just telling them how much I loved them, how much I missed them," Boston told the Winston-Salem Journal after a schoolwide ceremony.

Soon afterward, according to court documents, Boston returned to Charlotte and reopened his sex ring.



## MILITARY



GLENN CAMPBELL, AAP IMAGES/AP

Guided missile frigate the HMAS Melbourne heads back to harbor following Exercise KAKADU, Australia's largest maritime exercise, in Darwin, Northern Territory, in September.

## Australia assigns warship to enforce sanctions on N. Korea

By ROD MCGUIRK  
Associated Press

CANBERRA, Australia—Australia has assigned a guided missile frigate to the East China Sea to boost international efforts to enforce sanctions against North Korea, an Australian officer said Friday.

The Australian Defense Force chief of joint operations, Air Marshall Mel Hupfeld, said the warship with a crew of 230 will be supported by two Australian AP-3C Orion surveillance aircraft

based in Japan.

"Despite the easing of tensions on the Korea Peninsula, Pyongyang continues with its nuclear weapons and ballistic weapons programs in defiance of ... United Nations Security Council resolutions," Hupfeld told reporters.

"The occasional deployment of ... maritime patrol aircraft and surface vessels to the region ... adds weight to Australia's ongoing economic and diplomatic pressure on North Korea and enhances the capacity of ongoing multinational enforcement ef-

forts," he added.

The Australians would work in cooperation with the Japanese, the U.S., Canadians and the South Koreans to enforce sanctions, Hupfeld said.

He likened detecting illegal ship-to-ship transfers of goods from among the many legitimate transactions in the East China Sea to finding a needle in a haystack.

Hupfeld would not say whether the frigate HMAS Melbourne's role would be intercepting suspected cargo ships.

## Trump: Mattis 'sort of a Democrat'; not sure if he will leave

By FELICIA SONMEZ  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said he is unsure whether Defense Secretary Jim Mattis will leave the administration and described him as "sort of a Democrat" amid reports of friction between the two.

Trump made the remarks in an interview with CBS News' "60 Minutes" that was to air Sunday night. An excerpt of the interview was released Sunday morning.

"Well, I don't know; he hasn't told me that," Trump said when asked whether Mattis might be leaving his position.

Trump said that he has a "very good relationship" with Mattis and that the two had lunch together "two days ago," but the president added that "it could be that he is" leaving.

"I think he's sort of a Democrat, if you want to know the truth," Trump said. "But General Mattis is a good guy. We get along very well. He may leave. I mean, at some point, everybody leaves. Everybody. People leave. That's Washington."

Mattis often publicly has walked back some of Trump's

more controversial statements on foreign policy, and the two have a strained relationship, veteran journalist Bob Woodward reported in his book "Fear."

In one episode reported by Woodward, Mattis described Trump as having the understanding of "a fifth- or sixth-grade" after a National Security Council meeting. In another episode, after Trump said he wanted to have Syrian President Bashar Assad assassinated, Mattis reportedly agreed but later told an aide, "We're not going to do any of that."

Mattis has denied making disparaging comments about Trump, and the president said last month that the retired general was "doing a fantastic job."

In the "60 Minutes" interview, Trump also described reports of chaos within his administration as "so false," dismissing concerns about the rate of turnover among his top officials.

"I'm changing things around, and I'm entitled to. I have people now on stability that will be phenomenal. They'll come into the administration. They'll be phenomenal," Trump said.

## Discord: Trump's blunt response to S. Korean suggestion draws protest

FROM FRONT PAGE

Kang also touched on a topic that is sacrosanct for the Trump administration — sanctions aimed at tightening the economic noose on the North.

She told lawmakers that Seoul was considering lifting a 2010 trade-and-investment embargo slapped on Pyongyang following a deadly attack on a South Korean warship.

The unilateral measures have little more than symbolic effect, and Seoul consistently has expressed support for U.S.-led international sanctions.

Kang and other government officials quickly backtracked on the idea, which also proved unpopular with conservative lawmakers.

### Controversial comments

But her suggestion was enough to prompt a blunt retort from President Donald Trump.

"They won't do that without our approval. They do nothing without our approval," he told reporters when asked about Kang's comments.

The president has expressed a fondness for North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and said a second U.S.-North Korean summit will be held after the U.S. midterm elections. But he also has insisted on maintaining economic pressure on the North.

South Korean critics, meanwhile, took aim at Trump's use of the word "approval," which many interpreted as a threat to national sovereignty.

Student activists staged a protest in central Seoul on Friday, chanting "Trump needs to apologize" and waving a banner that read, "South Korea is not a U.S. colony," according to the Korea Herald. The newspaper also reported that lawmakers had complained about the U.S. president's comments.

Overall, South Korean support for the alliance remains strong. But it's clear that trouble could be brewing as South Korean President Moon Jae-in seeks to improve relations with the North and to restore peace while Trump insists that Pyongyang first take concrete measures on denuclearization.

The allies also face divisions over Trump's persistent calls for Seoul to pay more to offset the costs of stationing some 28,500 U.S. troops on the peninsula and the deployment of other strategic assets, including an advanced U.S. missile defense system known as THAAD.

Negotiators from the two countries plan to begin another round of talks Tuesday on renewing a cost-sharing agreement that expires at the end of this year.

"I'm worried that the fault line between U.S. and [South Korea] is potentially greater now than at any time previously," said Euan Graham, a senior fellow at the Lowy Institute, an Australia-based think tank.

"Trump's recent comments (on sanctions and burden-sharing) throw petrol on a bonfire. Totally unforced and unnecessary," he added. "The only parties that benefit from a growing rift between Seoul and Washington are Pyongyang and Beijing."

### Moon optimistic

Moon — who has been dubbed the middle man as he struggles to keep nuclear talks on track — played down the differences and dismissed criticism of Trump's remark about sanctions.

"What he meant was that up to a certain point, the U.S. and South Korea need to be in lockstep in terms of consultations regarding sanctions," Moon told the BBC in an interview last week.

He told the BBC that Seoul was preparing for improved ties with the North but "actual economic cooperation would be possible only after sanctions are eased and exemptions are allowed."

Moon has dangled economic investment and cross-border projects such as connecting railways and other infrastructure improvements as incentives for the North to dismantle its nuclear arsenal.

But he's limited by sanctions and U.S. control over the United Nations Command, which oversees issues related to the Demilitarized Zone that has bisected the peninsula since the 1950-53 Korean War ended in an armistice instead of a peace treaty.

Moon also has joined Kim in pressing Washington to agree to a declaration formally ending the war. The Trump administration is resisting the idea, saying the North must take more concrete steps toward denuclearization.

"If North Korea takes certain measures, then the end-of-war declaration would be a political statement that would announce that the long-standing hostile relations be-

tween Pyongyang and Washington have ended," Moon told the BBC.

Moon, who took office last year as the peninsula was on the brink of war, said he wanted this to happen at the "earliest possible date."

He also expressed optimism that Washington and Seoul had a "shared understanding ... regarding this view."

### Balancing act

But the South Korean president faces a delicate balancing act as he tries to keep two unpredictable leaders at the table while maintaining an alliance that has lasted nearly seven decades.

Author and Washington Post associate editor Bob Woodward reported that Trump "was on the verge of blowing up the relationship," earlier this year as he sparred with Moon over trade and sharing the cost burden.

The president also was obsessed with the \$3.5 billion cost of maintaining U.S. troops in South Korea, Woodward wrote in his book "Fear: Trump in the White House."

"What do we get by maintaining a massive military presence in the Korean Peninsula?" he asked during a National Security Council meeting in January. Defense Secretary Jim Mattis responded that "we're doing this in order to prevent World War III," according to the book.

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## WAR ON TERRORISM

# Taliban attack Afghan army base, kill 17 soldiers

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — The Taliban attacked an army base in western Afghanistan, killing 17 Afghan soldiers and abducting 11 others, officials said Sunday.

Ghausuddin Noorzai, the district chief in Pusth Rod, said another four soldiers were wounded in the attack, which began late Saturday and continued into Sunday morning. He said the Taliban also overran two checkpoints near the base, seizing weapons and ammunition.

Abdul Samad Salehi, a member of the provincial council in Farah, confirmed the death toll and said the troops defending the base received no air support or reinforcements.

The Taliban claimed the attack, the latest in their near-daily assaults on Afghan security forces. The Taliban have seized a number of districts across the country in recent years as Afghan forces have struggled to hold rural areas and to defend against coordinated attacks.

Elsewhere in Afghanistan, a young girl was killed and three others were wounded in the crossfire of a battle between Afghan forces and the Taliban in the western Herat province, according to Gelani Farhad, the spokesman for provincial government.

Farhad said the main highway between the southern province of Kandahar and Herat was blocked for several hours.

The death toll from an attack on an election rally Saturday in the northern Takhar province climbed from 14 to 22, according

to Jawad Hajri, a spokesman for the provincial government.

He said another 36 people were wounded in the attack, in which a motorbike loaded with explosives exploded near the rally for Nafeza Yusoufi Beg, a female candidate running for parliament in the Oct. 20 elections.

No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack, but the Taliban are active in the province and have claimed previous attacks there.

## Buffer zone brings fragile calm to Syria's rebel-controlled Idlib

By BASSEM MROUE

Associated Press

BEIRUT — A month after Russia, Syria and Iran came together in a last-ditch effort to avert a potentially catastrophic Syrian government offensive in Idlib, they appear to have succeeded in creating a buffer zone around the northern, rebel-held province, defusing tensions in a region that is a major flashpoint.

For now, the deal has averted a government offensive on the last major opposition stronghold in Syria, where tens of thousands of militants, including foreign jihadists, live alongside 3 million civilians and opposition fighters. If the truce falls apart, the fighting could cause massive displacement and bloodshed.

The Sept. 17 agreement called for setting up a demilitarized zone 9 to 12 miles deep and stretching along the front lines around Idlib, including parts of the provinces of Latakia, Hama and Aleppo.

Days ahead of an Oct. 10 deadline, Turkey-backed rebels and an al-Qaida-linked alliance pulled their heavy weaponry back from the front lines in accordance with the deal struck between the Russian and Turkish presidents. By Monday, all "radical terrorist groups" are also to pull back. At an unspecified date, Turkish troops and Russian military police plan to begin conducting coordinated patrols and monitoring with drones along the DMZ's boundaries.

Some jihadi groups have remained at their posts in the area, but for now they appear keen to avoid any confrontation with Turkey, activists say.

Hours before the deadline for them to pull out, there were reports of an exchange of fire between rebel fighters and government forces. An editorial in the pro-government Al-Thawra newspaper on Sunday said "The time for decisiveness has come in Idlib."

Here's a look at what to expect next:

### Temporary reprieve

Syrian President Bashar Assad said earlier this month that the Russia-Turkey deal is a "temporary one" and that his govern-

ment's ultimate goal is to restore control over all of Syria. He described Western objections to an offensive in Idlib as "hysterical."

Most observers believe plans for a government offensive are simply on hold and that Assad's forces eventually will retake the province — by force if need be.

Amid the myriad rebel groups and hard-core jihadists in Idlib, there are concerns that any of a number of factions could trigger renewed fighting.

Those in the opposition fear the deal could end up like last year's so-called de-escalation zones implemented in central and southern Syria, where government forces used temporary cease-fire agreements to regroup and then launched devastating offensives.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported Sunday that government forces shelled rebel areas in the DMZ, causing material damage and wounding a child. Rebels stationed in the DMZ lobbed missiles at government forces in Jurin, killing at least two soldiers Saturday, the Observatory said.

International aid agencies working in northwestern Syria warn of dire consequences for millions of civilians if the Russia-Turkey deal doesn't result in a sustained reduction of violence in the overcrowded province.

Turkey, which supports the Syrian opposition, has deployed hundreds of soldiers to 12 observation posts that ring Idlib following a de-escalation agreement reached last year with Russia and Iran, both of which are allied with the government. That effectively positioned Turkey as a protector of the province, and any government offensive risks leading to a direct clash between Syrian troops and Russian forces.

### Rebel infighting

Most rebel groups, including a Turkey-backed alliance known as the National Liberation Front, have accepted the deal on a demilitarized zone.

At least two jihadi groups, however, have rejected it, but most of their positions are deep inside Idlib, far from the front lines with government forces. Those are the al-Qaida-linked Horas

al-Din, which described the deal as a "great conspiracy," and the Ansar al-Din Front.

Another jihadi group, the Turkistan Islamic Party, which is mostly made up of Chinese fighters, has not left its positions in the town of Jisr al-Shughour on the edge of the DMZ.

"It is clear that there will be a confrontation eventually because (jihadi factions) are not the type of groups who surrender easily," said Bassam Haji Mustafa, a senior official with the Turkey-backed Nour el-Din el-Zinki, one of 15 groups that form the National Liberation Front. He said most people in Idlib support moderate rebel groups backed by Turkey and some Western nations.

Unlike Islamic State, whose fighters were able to melt into the desert after major defeats, Haji Mustafa said jihadists in Idlib are surrounded on all sides and have no place to go.

Kami Abdurrahman, who heads the Observatory, said last month that some 183 trucks full of ammunition and weapons arrived in Idlib, bringing in Turkish weapons to the National Liberation Front. He said the weapons are for possible use against jihadi factions in case they want to undermine Turkey's plans in Idlib. "We are heading toward a confrontation, for sure," Abdurrahman said, adding that Horas al-Din and Ansar al-Din have some 3,500 fighters in Idlib.

### The al-Qaida wild card

The largest and most powerful armed group in Idlib is the al-Qaida-affiliated Levant Liberation Committee, known by the Arabic acronym HTS, a rebel alliance formerly known as the



USMC CAN, DHA/AP

Fighters with the Free Syrian army leave a cave where they live in the outskirts of the northern town of Jisr al-Shughur, Syria, west of the city of Idlib, in September.

Nusra Front.

The group has not said whether it will comply with the deal, but it withdrew its heavy weapons from the demilitarized zone. The group's fighters are still on the front lines and it is unclear whether they will leave the area by Monday.

Analysts said the alliance could splinter if it decides to confront Turkish troops or the thousands of Turkey-backed opposition fighters, with whom it has clashed before.

Ahmad al-Ahmad, who heads the opposition's Syria Press center, said Syrian members of the al-Qaida-linked group are not looking for confrontation with Turkey and its allies.

Al-Ahmad said the group's leader, Abu Mohammed al-Golani, and the Syrian members are close to the Turkish side, while the foreign fighters are opposed to the deal.



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## NATION



Residents in Panama City, Fla., scavenge for necessary items inside a damaged Family Dollar.

JAMIE BOTSFORD/The Washington Post

## Rubble: Less attention given to inland communities

### FROM FRONT PAGE

Lipford, 50. Since Hurricane Michael struck this town Wednesday, she has been washing clothes in a bucket and bathing in the creek where her husband made a dam with small stones. Her daughter, Whitney, 23, has been wielding a chain saw, returning to the house every two hours to breast-feed her 6-week-old son.

"I want power and water. The rest of it we can deal with," Lipford said.

After smashing Panama City and obliterating Mexico Beach, the eye of the storm swept north-northeast like a scythe, delivering misery to one of the poorest regions of Florida and neighboring Alabama and Georgia. A large percentage of people live in mobile homes and other vulnerable structures. The destruction extends far inland. Michael retained hurricane strength all the way through Georgia's pecan groves and cotton fields.

More than 250,000 customers across Florida were still without power Saturday. Sixteen shelters housed 1,800 people.

Search and rescue operations continue, not only in Mexico Beach, which was bulldozed by a storm surge that may have reached 14 feet, but also in the backcountry, where residents are fending for themselves and, in some cases, fearing they've been forgotten by the outside world.

Deborah Bayer rode out Hurricane Michael clutching her Bible in the bathroom of her mobile home in Lynn Haven, a small city just north of Panama Beach. The sky darkened, the power went out, the wind howled and she felt the whole structure shift on its foundation. A tree crashed onto the roof.

"It was a fun ride. I just sat there reading my Bible, had some candles on. I just hunkered down waiting for it to pass over," recalled Bayer, 47, who lives in a trailer park.

She and other residents had been told by elected officials to evacuate in advance of the hurricane. But how? To where? She's a minimum-wage worker at a call center. She couldn't afford a hotel room.

### Cut off from the world

In Bristol, a tiny town in Florida's smallest county, Liberty, where the biggest road has two lanes and half the land is in a national forest, Emergency Management Director Rhonda Lewis found herself cut off from the rest of the world. No power, no landlines or cellphone connections, no internet. A satellite phone wouldn't work. It kept saying "searching ... searching ... searching," Lewis said.

Not until Thursday night did she manage to find a man with a ham radio in next-door Calhoun County and bring him back to Bristol, where she could send out calls for help.

"Rebuilding is going to be an issue because they are so poor. Many of the homes, they had no insurance," Lewis said.

Lines have formed at the Ace Hardware store where people have been picking up emergency supplies. The Red Cross has arrived.

On Friday, Tiffany Garling, executive director of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce — where Dry Creek is located — got a full night's sleep for the first time since the previous Sunday, when she went to work in the county's Emergency Operations Center. She doesn't know how many people are still cut off in this largely rural county, where peanuts and cotton are the main agricultural commodities.

"I have no idea. That's the scary thing. There is no way to estimate," she said.

The process of clearing roads is laborious, with highways needing attention before the state roads, county roads or

individual streets — many of which are blocked with giant oaks that require heavy equipment to move, not just a chain saw.

Garling believes the county is 100 percent without power in residential areas.

"Our problems are different than the city," she said. Without power, people can't get water from their wells.

Hayes Baggett, the police chief in nearby Marianna, said inland communities never get as much attention as the white-sand beach towns. But people are pulling together, he said. There had been a few curfew violations and a little thievery, but no widespread looting.

### Supplies airdropped

Families in Liberty and Jackson counties have been approved for individual assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, according to the governor's office, and food and water is being airdropped into the hardest-hit regions.

Similar stories played out in neighboring Georgia, where Becky Abshire, a lifelong resident of Albany, worried about how she's going to raise her grandson, Ashton, 10, on the \$750 she gets from her disability benefits. Abshire, 60, evacuated her three-room trailer but returned to find that a tree had struck the bedroom she shares with Ashton.

Rescue operations are underway far inland on dirt roads still blocked by downed trees. Teams that can't reach rural residents by vehicle have to go on foot, said Sean Collins, 47, a retired firefighter in Marianna. "We don't know if some of the elderly who live back in these woods, are they OK and have been contacted," he said.

Because Marianna is so far from the coast — nearer to Alabama than to Pan-

ama City — residents did not evacuate, he said.

"Nobody thought it was going to be this devastating," Collins said.

Even in parts of Panama City, assistance seemed a long way off. A community with garden-style apartments, the Garden Dickinson Memorial Homes, known as the 11th Street projects, was unrecognizable after the storm. The parking lot was flooded. Several apartments were roofless. Furniture was destroyed. Families slept in their cars and on benches.

Across the way, a gas leak had residents worried about a possible explosion.

"This isn't no laughing matter. Nobody came to assist us. No nothing," said Samantha Gardner, 33. Her son, 6, had two asthma attacks Wednesday night, she said, and calls to the police for help went unanswered.

"He needs a machine. We got no power. We don't have no water. We don't have no nothing," she said.

Betty Davis, 80, who lives in the historical black community in Apalachicola known as the Hill, which dates to the 1830s, spent Friday afternoon pondering what had happened and what might come next.

"I laid on the floor and I could hear this thing coming, and it sounded like two trains on separate tracks," Davis said.

Many local people in Apalachicola rely on strong family ties to help get through tough times, but the once-bountiful oyster fishery has collapsed in recent years, adding to the pressures. Davis said she didn't know how poorer people will cope in the aftermath of the storm. But she does know one thing:

"If they see another one coming," Davis said, "I'll leave — if I have to walk. I'll never do this again."

**'If they see another one coming, I'll leave — if I have to walk. I'll never do this again.'**

Betty Davis, 80

resident of the Apalachicola, Fla., neighborhood known as the Hill

## NATION

# In Kentucky, Trump rallies voters, lauds McConnell

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE  
Associated Press

RICHMOND, Ky. — President Donald Trump heaped praise on Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, crediting the veteran Kentucky lawmaker's political toughness and acumen during the ugly battle that concluded with Brett Kavanaugh becoming a Supreme Court justice.

"He's Kentucky tough," Trump declared Saturday night.

Kavanaugh took his seat on the high court last week after overcoming allegations of sexual misconduct dating to his high school and college years. He forcefully denied the charges, and Trump and McConnell firmly backed Kavanaugh as part of their combined quest to populate the judiciary with conservative judges. Kavanaugh could tilt the political balance of the high court in the conservative direction for generations.

## Trump: Splitting families could deter migrants

Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said that if migrant families fear they'll be separated by the U.S. government, it might deter them from illegally crossing the border from Mexico, suggesting that he's reconsidering a policy abandoned in July after widespread public condemnation.

"We have people trying to come in like never before," Trump said as he left the White House on Saturday for

a campaign rally in Kentucky. "If they feel there will be separation, then they won't come."

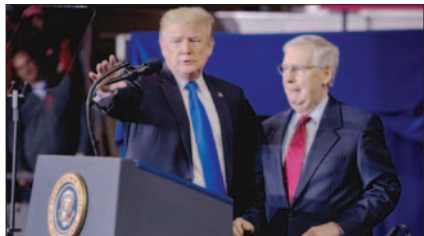
"I want a lot of people to come in," but they have to do so legally, Trump said.

The Washington Post reported Friday that the White House was reconsidering a policy known as "zero tolerance" that caused nearly 3,000 children to be taken from their caregivers and placed into federal custody after they were apprehended crossing the border this year.

"We stuck with him all the way because we knew the facts," Trump said, speaking of himself and McConnell, Kentucky's senior U.S. senator.

"There's nobody tougher. There's nobody smarter. He

refused to cave to the radical Democrats' shameful campaign of personal and political destruction," Trump said at a political rally at Eastern Kentucky University before he called McConnell to the microphone.



ANDREW HARNIK/AP

President Donald Trump welcomes Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., onto the stage Saturday as he speaks at a rally in Richmond, Ky.

"He stared down the angry, left-wing mob. He never blinked and he never looked back and he got us a man who will be one of our great, great Supreme Court justices," Trump said.

McConnell returned the compliment and told the president to continue nominating judges and "we'll keep confirming them."

Democrats fiercely and vocally opposed Kavanaugh, opposition that hardened after Christine Blasey Ford accused him of sexually assaulting her when they were in high school. Other women accused him of other sexually inappropriate behavior.

Protesters swarmed Senate office buildings and hundreds were arrested in a futile attempt to intimidate a handful of holdout senators into voting against confirming Kavanaugh. Trump has taken to referring to Democrats who opposed Kavanaugh as an angry "mob."

The president flew to Kentucky to campaign for three-term Republican Rep. Andy Barr, who is facing a strong challenge from Democrat Amy McGrath, a retired Marine fighter pilot, in one of the country's most-watched House races.



ASHLEE REZIN, CHICAGO SUN-TIMES/AP

Demonstrators rally in Grant Park before the start of the March to the Polls organized by Women's March Chicago on Saturday in Chicago.

## Thousands join Chicago March to the Polls

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Thousands of people have marched through downtown Chicago to express their displeasure at President Donald Trump and to encourage voters to go to the polls for next month's midterm election.

The march took place Saturday after a rally in Grant Park orga-

nized by Women's March Chicago. The group dubbed the event March to the Polls.

A sea of people took to the streets, chanting, "Let's go vote!" as they walked from Grant Park to Federal Plaza. Some voters cast ballots at nearby early voting sites. Chicago is a Democratic stronghold.

Organizers say enthusiasm is high, particularly since the confirmation of Trump's Supreme Court pick, Brett Kavanaugh. Kavanaugh was accused of sexual assault but he denied the allegations.

A women's march days after Trump's inauguration filled the 300-acre Grant Park.

## Hillary Clinton's security clearance pulled at her request

Associated Press

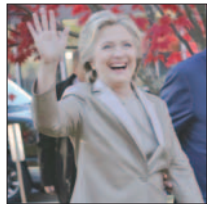
WASHINGTON — The State Department says former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's security clearance has been withdrawn at her request.

Clearances for five other people Clinton designated as researchers also have been withdrawn, including for aide Cheryl Mills.

The State Department disclosed Clinton's request in a letter to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The committee chairman, Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, authorized the letter's disclosure following consultation with the department. The letter blacks out the names of four other Clinton researchers whose security clearances were withdrawn last month.

Grassley has been critical of Clinton's handling of classified information and has urged administrative sanctions. The



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Then-Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton greets supporters in Chappaqua, N.Y., in November 2016.

committee says the update on Clinton's security clearance is part of an ongoing State Department review related to her use of a nongovernment email server.

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## NATION

## Voter fraud crackdowns fuel ballot access fears

By AMY GARDNER  
The Washington Post

Nine months after President Donald Trump was forced to dissolve a panel charged with investigating voter fraud, GOP officials across the country are cracking down on what they describe as threats to voting integrity — moves that critics see as attempts to keep some Americans from casting ballots in November's elections.

In Georgia, election officials have suspended more than 50,000 applications to register to vote, most of them for black voters, under a rigorous, Republican-backed law that requires personal information to exactly match driver's license or Social Security records.

In Texas, the state attorney general has prosecuted nearly three dozen individuals on charges of voter fraud this year, more than the previous five years combined.

And in North Carolina, a U.S. attorney and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement issued subpoenas last month demanding that virtually all voting records in 44 counties be turned over to immigration authorities within weeks — a move that was delayed after objections from state election officials.

Voting rights advocates said Republicans are seizing on sporadic voting problems in an effort to disenfranchise voters of color.

In Georgia, several of these groups filed a lawsuit Thursday seeking to block the "exact match" registration law passed last year.

The myth of voter fraud is used by those who wish to curtail the right to vote of specific populations, usually minority voters," said Ezra Rosenberg, an attorney for the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, a participant in the suit.

"Instead of thinking up schemes to stop people from voting, we should be doing everything in our power to make it easier for people to vote," he added.

Georgia Secretary of State Brian Kemp, who enforces state election laws and is also the GOP gubernatorial nominee, said the focus on the suspended voter registrations is a crisis manufactured by his Democratic opponent.

"While outside agitators disparage this office and falsely attack us, we have kept our heads down and remained focused on ensuring secure, accessible, and fair elections for all voters," he said in a statement last week in which he touted Georgia's record number of registered voters.

### 'A dog whistle'

Numerous studies have found no evidence of large-scale voter fraud in the U.S. But the specter of fraud was raised repeatedly by Trump after the 2016 election, when he claimed without evidence that millions of undocumented immigrants voted illegally for his Democratic opponent, Hillary Clinton.

Soon after Trump's office, Trump created the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity, chaired by Vice President Mike Pence, which was charged with examining claims of voter fraud, improper registration and voter suppression.

The commission was disbanded in January after its status refused to turn over requested data and filed lawsuits to block its demands, citing voter privacy. Trump blamed states for refusing to cooperate and promised to continue the effort within his administration.

In a tweet at the time, Trump said the commission "fought hard" to investigate allegations of voter abuses "because they know that many people are voting illegally. System is rigged, must go to Voter I.D."

Matt Dunlap, the Democratic secretary



DAVID PAUL MORRIS/Bloomberg

A voter casts a ballot in San Francisco on Nov. 8, 2016. California is one of several states in which issues with voter registration have been raised.

of state of Maine who served on Trump's commission, said in an interview that he now views the effort as a sham. He accused Republicans of trying to gin up anti-immigration sentiment by falsely claiming that voting by undocumented immigrants is rampant.

"It's a dog whistle, no question about it," Dunlap said. "Whenever we talk about illegal immigration, voter fraud, others taking something away from us — of course it's a dog whistle."

In Georgia, the issue is inflaming an already hard-fought governor's race in which Kemp is battling against Democrat Stacey Abrams, who would be the first female black governor.

The Associated Press reported last week that 53,000 voter registrations in the state are on hold under the "exact match" verification process, which requires voter application information to precisely mirror a resident's state or federal data on file. Even a hyphen out of place could prompt an application to be flagged by local election officials and suspended.

Nearly 70 percent of the registrations that have been frozen are those of blacks, according to the AP.

Kemp's office said the reason so many black voters have had their registrations held up is because they were signed up to vote by the New Georgia Project, a voter registration campaign founded by Abrams that Kemp accused of filing sloppy, handwritten forms.

Abrams is no longer involved with the group. In a statement, her campaign spokeswoman, Abigail Collozo, said Kemp "is trying to deflect responsibility and deny accountability for the continued use of the exact match program, which is well known to disproportionately impact minority voters. It is clearer than ever that Brian Kemp cannot be trusted to oversee this election."

Kemp's office said that all voters whose applications were suspended have received notices about how to contact local officials to rectify their status. All are permitted to vote this November if they bring proper identification that substantially matches their registration.

"This is a publicity stunt that the media falls for year after year," said Candice Broce, a spokeswoman for the secretary of state, noting that a similar exact match law was upheld recently in Florida by a federal appeals court.

"The 53,000 Georgians cited in their complaint can vote in the November 6th election," she said. "Any claims to the contrary are politically motivated and utterly false."

### Stirring worries over privacy

The controversy in North Carolina elicited a more bipartisan uproar, with Republicans and Democrats alike decrying the efforts of Robert Higdon Jr., the U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina and a Trump appointee, to secure millions of voting records from 44 counties in the eastern half of the state.

The demand for documents came just days after Higdon's office, in concert with ICE, issued indictments charging 19 foreign nationals with voting illegally in the 2016 elections.

State election officials argued that responding to the subpoenas would require compiling more than 20 million documents and would burden tiny electoral offices while they already were printing ballots and were making other preparations for the November elections.

A spokesman for the State Board of Elections said the U.S. attorney agreed to wait until January for the documents.

Higdon's office declined to answer questions about the subpoenas, citing an active grand jury investigation. ICE officials also declined to comment.

The demand could cast a chilling effect among voters worried about the privacy of their voting records, state officials said, and frighten naturalized immigrants into wondering about their right to vote.

"The scope is immense. It's incredible. The amount of information they're seeking — I've never seen anything quite like it," said Andy Penry, chairman of the state electoral board.

"It would be nice if the proponents would give us some information to justify the breadth and scope of the subpoenas," said Penry, a Democrat. "In the absence of that, there are going to be a lot of people who are going to think that this is an effort to buttress false narratives of voter fraud."

Election officials say they support efforts to investigate and stop improper voting — and in fact, Higdon's indictments resulted from an audit that the State Board of Elections conducted after the 2016 election, which showed that more than 400 people cast ballots improperly because of felony convictions, while an additional 41 documented noncitizens cast ballots.

But many believe that such investigations should remain the province of state and local officials — not the federal government.

Stacy Eggers IV, a Republican appointee to the electoral board who doesn't often vote with his Democratic colleagues, joined the unanimous vote to file a court

motion to quash the subpoenas. He said he was alarmed by the demand for absentee ballots, which include a number that can be traced back to a voter — and to how he or she voted. Close to half the electorate in the state voted absentee in 2016, he said.

"If there is election fraud, we want to have it investigated, because it lessens the power of legitimate voters," Eggers said. "But what does a federal investigative body need with the votes of 50 percent of the electorate in eastern North Carolina? That's my biggest concern."

Voter fraud prosecutions also are on the rise in Texas, where Attorney General Ken Paxton has expanded the number of investigators in his office focused on the issue and ramped up prosecutions.

Paxton, who declined a request for an interview, last month touted a one-year jail sentence and a deportation his office secured of a noncitizen charged with voter impersonation and voter fraud.

"Election integrity is a top priority for my office," Paxton said in a statement at the time. "Anyone attempting to deprive the people of Texas of their voice in either state or federal elections will be brought to justice and penalized by the full extent of the law."

### Registration program woes

Fueling the debate are recent problems with state programs in Pennsylvania and California aimed at increasing voter registration that have produced tens of thousands of registration errors.

In California, mistakes in the state's new "Motor Voter" program — which began automatically registering eligible voters through the Department of Motor Vehicles in April — led as many as 100,000 registration errors, including some voters who were registered twice and some with their party affiliations improperly switched. In addition, 1,500 ineligible people were registered, including some noncitizens, Secretary of State Alex Padilla said in a news conference Tuesday.

State Republicans and Democrats, including Padilla, agree that the state's new motor voter program might need to be suspended.

Jim Patterson, a Republican state assemblyman from Fresno who led the effort to uncover and fix the problems, said that because of errors, "many, many Californians are now being brought into question the sanctity of the voter rolls and the accuracy of their own voter registration."

Patterson said he is confident that voters and local registrars have time to correct the problems before Election Day.

In Pennsylvania, officials realized in 2017 that a poorly designed touch-screen system for applying for driver's licenses had prompted thousands of noncitizens to register to vote.

Scott Wagner, the Republican nominee for Pennsylvania governor, criticized his opponent, Democratic Gov. Tom Wolfe, for poor management of election records and promised a thorough scrub of them if elected.

"I will make it a priority to make sure all noncitizens are removed from the voter rolls and Pennsylvanians can have confidence in their election system once again," Wagner said in March.

A conservative group called the Public Interest Law Firm sued Pennsylvania in February to seek its election records, claiming that as many as 100,000 noncitizens might be registered to vote.

Such rhetoric alarms voting rights advocates, who believe that groups such as PILF are pushing to create political support for purging immigrant voters from election rolls without certainty that they are ineligible to vote.

## NATION

## Protesters in DC may be charged service fee

By KEVIN FREKING  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The National Park Service is exploring whether to require protest organizers to pay for the cost of providing law enforcement and other support services for demonstrations held in the nation's capital.

The proposed rule also could shrink a significant portion of the sidewalk outside the White House that is accessible to pedestrians, leaving a 5-foot-wide sliver. The public has until the close of Monday to comment on the proposal.

More than 7,600 comments have been submitted so far, the vast majority in opposition, including many who consider it an effort by the Trump administration to deter some of the major protests that have marked his presidency.

"Requiring these burdensome fees will dissuade Americans from demonstrating," wrote Gayle Copeland, of San Antonio. "This new rule is not reflective of American values or history to peacefully protest."

The National Park Service issues about 750 permits a year for demonstrations within the National Mall and nearby parks. The agency said its proposed rule is designed to provide greater clarity about how and where demonstration can occur in a manner that protects historically important public land.

There have been several large demonstrations on or near the National Mall since President Donald Trump assumed office. The Women's March in January 2017 brought protesters from throughout the country to Washington, and that has been followed by protests of the president's actions on climate change and guns, to name a few.

National Park Service spokesman Brent Everitt said the agency will always support the First Amendment right of free speech and assembly. But citing an event preceding the Trump presidency, he noted that the cost of providing law enforcement and other support services for Occupy DC in 2012 came to about \$480,000. The protesters sought to bring attention to social and economic inequality in the wake of the financial crisis, and they set up a makeshift tent camp that raised health concerns.



HANS PENNING/AP

Friends and family attend a funeral Mass on Saturday at St. Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church in Amsterdam, N.Y., held for eight of the 20 people killed in the fatal limousine crash on Oct. 6 in Schoharie, N.Y.

## Mourners pack funeral for 8 of 20 killed in NY limo crash

By MICHAEL HILL  
Associated Press

AMSTERDAM, N.Y. — Mourners at a funeral for four sisters and their family members killed in a New York limousine crash were assured Saturday that their loved ones can still see their tears and feel their heartache.

On a damp, chilly day, hundreds of people packed the pews of an old brick church in Amsterdam for the service for eight of the 20 people killed Oct. 6 when the limousine they hired for a 30th birthday celebration crashed. The stretch limo barreled down a hill past a stop sign into another vehicle in the parking lot. All 17 passengers and the driver were killed, as well as two pedestrians standing in the parking lot.

"The question that is in the hearts of so many is: Why?" The Rev. O. Robert DeMartinis told hundreds of mourners. "Why did these 20 individuals have to be taken from us so quickly and so unexpectedly?"

DeMartinis spoke on an altar flanked by pictures of Allison King, sister Abigail Jackson and

**"The question that is in the hearts of so many is: Why?"**

The Rev. O. Robert DeMartinis during Mass at St. Stanislaus Roman Catholic Church

her husband, Adam Jackson; sister Mary Dyson and her husband, Robert Dyson; sister Amy Steenburg and her husband, Axel Steenburg; and his older brother, Richard Steenburg.

Urns containing their remains were placed beneath the pictures, with each of the three married couples sharing urns. Five teddy bears lay by the urns, one for each young child who lost a parent.

A week ago, the group — most of them in their 30s — was headed to a birthday party for Amy Steenburg at a local brewery in Cooperstown, N.Y. DeMartinis said he believes Amy and her friends were able to celebrate Amy's 30th birthday, but in their afterlife. He told mourners to take solace in their eternal life.

DeMartinis married Amy and Axel Steenburg in June. He recalled them as a laughter-loving

couple who made a sign asking wedding guests not to take pictures because "we suggest that you live in the moment."

He had wondered why they never picked up the sign. Now, he said, he knew. "That's what they're asking me to ask you to do today," DeMartinis said, holding the sign aloft.

The sisters grew up in Amsterdam, a small upstate New York city, and many of the victims have deep ties to the area. The city has been stricken with grief amid a series of funerals.

Meanwhile, authorities continue to investigate the cause of the crash, and prosecutors have charged the operator of the limo company, Nauman Hussain, with criminally negligent homicide, saying he allowed an improperly licensed driver to operate an "unserviceable" vehicle.

## Heavy rain sets records, closes Ariz. state fair

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Record-setting rainfall from remnants of Tropical Storm Sergio closed the Arizona State Fair on Saturday and slowed traffic on a freeway and local streets across metro Phoenix.

Fair officials said on Twitter that the closure Saturday afternoon for the rest of the day because of weather was the first "in recent memory," and they cheerfully noted that sunny skies were forecast for Sunday. The annual fair opened Oct. 5 and runs through Oct. 28.

Scattered street closures were reported in Phoenix and several other suburbs, including Surprise, where a fire department crew rescued a male from his car stuck in hubcap-deep water on a flooded road.

Flooding on a low-lying portion of Interstate 10 in west Phoenix prompted the Arizona Department of Transportation to advise drivers to avoid the area until the water subsided after about an hour.

The heaviest rain ended early afternoon, and skies over Phoenix began clearing by midafternoon as the soggy weather moved northward. But forecasters said the threat of more rain would continue through the night.

The rainfall Saturday made this month Phoenix's wettest October on record and the city's 10th-wettest month ever, the National Weather Service said.

Phoenix had 1.32 inches of rain by 1:38 p.m., for a total of 4.45 inches of rain so far in October, the weather service said. Phoenix got 2.36 inches of rain on Oct. 2 from remnants of a previously downgraded tropical storm.

Sergio dissipated into a remnant low on Friday after soaking Mexico's Baja California Peninsula, crossing the Gulf of California and then continuing to lose punch over mainland Mexico before it entered the United States.

Baja California Sur Gov. Carlos Mendoza Davis said via Twitter that Sergio caused minor damage to roads and roofs and knocked down trees and power poles, but the storm did not cause any injuries or deaths in the state.

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## NATION



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Clockwise from top left: A Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation archaeologist shows artifacts in Jamestown, Va., and discusses what they've learned about one of the first enslaved Africans to live in English North America; an archaeologist stands at the excavation site of a house where an enslaved woman, Angela, lived in the 1600s; and visitors view historical finds at the site.

# A RECKONING

In historic Va. town, unique tour explores real roots of slavery

By BEN FINLEY  
Associated Press

**O**n a recent afternoon, tour guide Justin Bates pointed to the spot where historic Jamestown's legislature first convened in July 1619 in Virginia. He then gestured toward another nearby spot where some of the first slaves in English North America arrived a few weeks later. "Freedom over there," Bates told visitors near the banks of Virginia's sprawling James River. "Slavery over here."

Jamestown has long been associated with the legend of Pocahontas and, more recently, as a place where a harsh winter turned some colonists into cannibals. But the historic site is now offering a regular tour that encourages visitors to consider the beginnings of American slavery.

The "First Africans" tour is the first of its kind at the historic site. But it's part of a much larger reckoning over slavery, an institution that took root in England's first permanent colony 12 years after its founding.

In January, President Donald Trump signed into a law the "400 Years of African-American History Commission Act." It requires a commission to develop programs that acknowledge the Africans' arrival in 1619 and slavery's impact.

Meanwhile, Virginia has launched its 2019 Commemoration, American Evolution. It recognizes the first English-style legislature in North America in Jamestown and other historical milestones from four centuries ago, including the Africans' arrival.

In 1619, the Africans came on two ships — the White Lion and the Treasurer — that had recently raided what's believed to have been a Spanish slave vessel in the Gulf of Mexico. Sailing into the Chesapeake Bay to what is now Hampton, Va., the ships traded more than 30 Africans for food and supplies. English colonists took the Africans,

who came from what is now Angola, to properties along the James River, including Jamestown.

A visitors' center and monument are planned for the landing site in Hampton. Known then as "Point Comfort," the area is now part of Fort Monroe, a former U.S. military base owned by the National Park Service.

"It's a difficult story," said Terry E. Brown, the first black superintendent of the Fort Monroe National Monument. "But I want the nation to understand this is an American story."

Recognition of the enslaved Africans' arrival also provides a counternarrative to the claims of white nationalists that America's roots are white.

"It was not a white society with people of color as interlopers, playing bit parts," said James Horn, president of the Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation, which oversees archaeological digs there.

One ongoing excavation focuses on an African woman who was taken to Jamestown in 1619. She had been given the name Angela, likely by the Spanish before her arrival, and lived in the house of Capt. William Pierce, a wealthy merchant and planter.

The structure no longer exists. But archaeologists with the National Park Service and Jamestown Rediscovery have uncovered its brick floor and located the kitchen area where Angela likely worked.

The "First Africans" tour includes the excavation site as well as a spot on the river where Angela likely first stepped off a boat into Jamestown.

"Think about what that must have felt like," Bates recently told a group of visitors.

"Scary," a woman said. Kym Hall, the National Park Service's superintendent

of Colonial National Historical Park, which includes Jamestown, said tears have been shed at the excavation site. Some of those tears were her own.

"We hope to bring some empathy and connection and understanding about these stories of origin," she said.

Some historians are wary of focusing too much on 1619.

Davidson College professor Michael Guasco has written that the Africans' arrival in Virginia was just a "blip on the radar screen" in the larger context of slavery.

More than 500,000 enslaved Africans had already crossed the Atlantic to other European colonies, including places that later became part of the United States.

Guasco warned that too narrow a focus on 1619 risks the implication that the Africans entered an established white society. Jamestown's inhabitants were living "on death's doorstep on the wisp of America."

Those working at Jamestown have sought to address such concerns, emphasizing its shared racial history.

Bates, the tour guide, charts the history of the European slave trade and the growth of American slavery. He also details the evolution of colonial laws, many passed in Jamestown, that created a race-based system of enslavement.

Jill Williams, a black woman who recently visited the excavation site with her husband and son, said she was unaware of Angela's story until she arrived in Jamestown.

"It's nice to go somewhere and know there's a story about your people. That doesn't always happen," said Williams, 52, of Hempstead, N.Y.

**"It was not a white society with people of color as interlopers, playing bit parts."**

**James Horn**

Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation president



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## WORLD

# Saudis reject Trump threat as stocks plunge

By JON GAMBRELL  
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Saudi Arabia warned Sunday it will respond to any "threats" against it as its stock market plunged following President Donald Trump's warning of "severe punishment" over the disappearance of Washington Post contributor Jamal Khashoggi.

Trump made a point of visiting the kingdom on his first overseas trip as president and has touted arms sales to Saudi Arabia. But both the White House and the

kingdom are under mounting pressure as concern grows over the fate of the veteran journalist, who hasn't been seen since he entered the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul on Oct. 2.

Already, international business leaders are pulling out of the kingdom's upcoming investment forum, a high-profile event known as "Davos in the Desert."

"The kingdom affirms its total rejection of any threats and attempts to undermine it, whether by threatening to impose economic sanctions, using political pressures or repeating false accu-

sations," a statement published by the state-run Saudi Press Agency read. "The kingdom also affirms that if it receives any action, it will respond with greater action, and that the kingdom's economy has an influential and vital role in the global economy."

The statement from the world's top oil exporter came after the Tadawul stock exchange in Riyadh dropped by 7 percent at one point during the week's first day of trading, with 182 of its 186 listed stocks showing losses by the early afternoon. The market clawed back some of the losses, closing

down 3.5 percent for the day.

Turkish officials say they fear Saudi agents killed and dismembered Khashoggi after he entered the consulate, saying they have audio and video recordings of it that they have not released. The kingdom has called the allegations "baseless" but has offered no evidence the writer ever left the consulate.

In an interview to be aired Sunday, Trump told CBS' "60 Minutes" that the consequences of Saudi Arabia being involved would be "severe."

"There's something really ter-

rible and disgusting about that, if that was the case, so we're going to have to see," Trump said. "We're going to get to the bottom of it, and there will be severe punishment."

However, Trump in the same interview said: "As of this moment, they deny it and they deny it vehemently. Could it be them? Yes."

Trump also said "we would be punishing ourselves" by canceling arms sales to Saudi Arabia, which his administration touted on his first overseas trip. The sale is a "tremendous order for our companies," Trump said he would meet with Khashoggi's family.



ANDREW MEDICHINI/AP

Priests wearing vestments with the effigy of martyred Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero attend a canonization ceremony in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on Sunday.

## Pope canonizes 2 at St. Peter's Mass

By NICOLE WINFIELD  
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Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis on Sunday praised two towering figures of the 20th-century Catholic Church as prophets who shunned wealth and looked out for the poor as he made saints of Pope Paul VI and martyred Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero.

Francis canonized the two men at a Mass in St. Peter's Square before some 70,000 faithful, a handful of presidents and 5,000 Salvadoran pilgrims who traveled

to Rome to honor a man considered a hero to many Latin Americans.

Tens of thousands more Salvadorans stayed up all night at home to watch the Mass on giant TV screens outside the San Salvador cathedral where Romero's remains are entombed.

In a sign of the strong influence that Paul and Romero had on the first Latin American pope, Francis wore the blood-stained rope belt that Romero wore when he was gunned down by right-wing death squads in 1980, and he used Paul's staff, chalice and

pallium vestment.

Paul, who was pope from 1963 to 1978, presided over the modernizing yet polarizing church reforms of the 1960s. He was the pope of Francis' formative years as a young priest in Argentina and was instrumental in giving rise to the Latin American church's "preferential option for the poor" that Francis has made his own.

Francis also has a close personal connection to Romero and, like him, lived through the terror of right-wing military dictatorships when Francis was in Argentina.

## Myanmar protesters condemn intervention

Associated Press

YANGON, Myanmar — Several thousand pro-military and nationalist demonstrators marched through Yangon on Sunday, voicing their support for Myanmar's armed forces and government while condemning foreign involvement in the country's affairs.

The march led to a stage lined with portraits of Senior Gen. Min Aung Hlaing where speakers addressed a flag-waving crowd

and condemned the international community's involvement in Myanmar, claiming groups would "fight back" against international bodies that have called for the investigation and prosecution of the country's top generals.

"We, the people of Myanmar, strongly denounce and condemn any intervention or intrusion by the foreign countries, international communities and various organizations which unjustly

manipulate our nation and our Myanmar armed forces," proclaimed one of the speakers.

Nationalist monk Ashin Wirathu also gave a speech calling for the international community to stay out of Myanmar's national affairs.

"The day the International Criminal Court comes to our country, that's the day R2P (road to repentation) comes to our country. That'll be the day that Wirathu picks up a gun," he said.

## German bus crashes on Swiss highway; 13 hurt

BERLIN — A German bus crashed into a metal post Sunday on a highway in southern Switzerland, leaving 13 people injured, three of them seriously, Swiss police said.

The bus was heading south with 25 people on board when the accident happened on the A2 highway at Sigirino, near Lugano — a major route across the Alps from north-

ern Europe to Italy. Ticino canton (state) police revised downward their initial estimate that about 40 people were on the bus.

It wasn't immediately clear what caused the bus to plow into the post, wrecking the front of the vehicle. The bus from the German city of Cologne had set off on Saturday evening and was headed for Assisi in Italy, Johannes Huebner, of bus travel group RDA, told the German news agency dpa.

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# Somalia marks 1 year since massive truck bomb attack

By ABDI GULED  
Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya — Somalia is marking the first anniversary of one of the world's deadliest attacks since 9/11, a truck bombing in the heart of Mogadishu that killed well over 500 people.

As people gathered on Sunday at a new memorial with a minute of silence, a man accused of orchestrating the bombing was executed by firing squad. Capt. Mumin Hussein, deputy prosecutor general of the Somali military court, confirmed the execution of Hassan Aden Isaq, the first under the country's Somali-American President Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed.

Memories of the bombing are still raw in a country that has faced decades of deadly, warlord-led chaos and attacks by the al-Qaida-linked al-Shabab extremist group. The Oct. 14, 2017, bombing was so devastating that al-Shabab never claimed responsibility amid local outrage.

The newly arrived U.N. envoy to Somalia, Nicholas Haysom, on Sunday called it "the deadliest ever terrorist attack in Africa, and such terrorist attacks amount to a war crime."

"In my mind, it feels like it has happened

just yesterday," said Sadiya Mohamed, 49, who lost her eldest son. He is among hundreds of people still missing. "I can barely get sleep since that dark day. He was everything for us."

Somalia's government has declared Oct. 14 a national day to remember victims of all "terrorist" bombings across the Horn of Africa nation.

On Sunday, the president traveled to the coastal town of Marka to mark the anniversary with a military brigade formed by young men who volunteered for service after the attack, presidential spokesman Abdinur Mohamed told The Associated Press. The brigade is named after the bombing.

Somalis now look to the future with a mixture of sorrow and hope.

Many believe the global attention to the attack and outpouring of grief should bring much-needed assistance for the fragile central government and security forces, who in the next few years are expected to take over the country's security from African Union peacekeepers.

"That was a big test for the international community's seriousness in helping Somalia to move forward," said Ahmed Mohamed, a former lawmaker.

For many of the victims' loved ones, Sunday



FARAH ABDI WARSAMEN/AP

**A woman weeps Sunday at Zobe junction during the anniversary of an explosion in Mogadishu, Somalia.**

was simply a day to grieve.

"Imagine living with the reality of not having your father dead or alive," said Mohamed Sheikh, 17, a rickshaw driver whose father is among the missing. "That memory keeps haunting me each day and night."

The bombing shattered one of Mogadishu's busiest business districts. Reconstruction has begun but many buildings in the area still lay in ruins.

Most of those killed were civilians going about their daily lives when a truck that had been trying to force its way through heavy traffic exploded.

Security officials have said they had advance warning about an incoming vehicle but had no idea about the large amount of explosives it carried.

## Putin foe Navalny free after 50 days in custody

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Kremlin opposition leader Alexei Navalny has been released from jail after serving 50 days on two consecutive sentences for organizing unsanctioned protests.

Navalny, President Vladimir Putin's most prominent foe, had been sentenced to 30 days for organizing a protest in August, but upon release was arrested immediately and then was sentenced to another 20 days for organizing a protest that took place while he was in jail.

Both protests were against a Russian government plan to raise the eligibility age for state pensions that has been signed into law since.

After his release early Sunday, Navalny told reporters, "I think, over the 50 days which I spent here, we saw a lot of evidence that this regime has absolutely deteriorated, from failures in foreign intelligence to failures in space industry."



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# OPINION

## Some Collins backlash is anti-woman

By MEGAN MCARDLE

The Washington Post

Traitors have always been despised far more thoroughly than mere enemies. So perhaps it is unsurprising that after the Senate voted narrowly to confirm Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, became the focus of the opposition's ire.

"She is a disgrace [and] her legacy will be that she was a traitor to women and marginalized communities," tweeted Linda Sarsour, a board member of the Women's March organization, as Collins explained on Oct. 5 why she was supporting Kavanaugh's nomination despite allegations by Christine Blasey Ford that he had sexually assaulted her when they were teenagers. Barely an hour later, Women's March tweeted an image branding Collins a "rape apologist."

"Gender traitors," said Alexis Grenell on the opinion pages of The New York Times, deriding the five female senators who had supported Kavanaugh's confirmation as part of the 53 percent of white women who "put their racial privilege ahead of their second-class gender status in 2016 by voting to uphold a system that values only their whiteness, just as they have for decades."

Within a day, activists had crowd-funded millions of dollars to defeat Collins in 2020.

It is not unreasonable, of course, to think that womanhood gives one a different perspective from men. That perspective must necessarily influence one's beliefs about policy, and particularly about policies that affect women. In what became known as Miles' Law, Rufus Miles Jr., an official in the Bureau of the Budget, noted in 1948

that, in politics, "where you stand depends on where you sit."

Women know, in a visceral way that men never can, what it is like to live your life in consciousness of a single, inescapable fact: that virtually every man you meet is capable of physically overpowering you and taking what you won't give them freely. We also know that if some man attacks us, it is likely to be in a private place, with no witnesses, and that the physical evidence will often be little different from the aftermath of consensual sex.

And so we know that our safety inescapably rests on two fragile foundations: the goodwill of those men who refrain from doing what they could; and if they don't refrain, our ability to persuade strangers to believe us rather than our attackers. I certainly hope Collins' decision was informed by her knowledge of what it is to be afraid; if it wasn't, she was not giving the people of Maine, or the people of the United States, the benefit of her fully informed judgment.

But, of course, as women, we know something that men who are not the plaster saints the Victorians tried to make of us. To be a woman is to know, from the inside and all too well, that women are fallible.

We know, alas, that we sometimes give in to the human temptation to lie, and that we have only a normal human conscience, not some sort of magical feminine guardrails that keep us from lying about serious things such as rape. We're all too aware that we make mistakes, as humans do, and that sometimes those mistakes are grave — including, yes, the possibility of being mistaken decades later about an attacker's identity.

That intimate insider knowledge about

her sex should also have been taken into account when Collins made her decision. As should a number of other things that have nothing to do with her biological sex.

In addition to being a woman, Collins is a human being who has spent 65 years on this earth, forming her own unique set of beliefs and values. As a Republican, she naturally favors Republican ideas on many matters of law. She is also the elected representative of the people of Maine, with a duty to consider their interests and preferences, as she discerns them. And she is a member of the Senate, sworn by oath to defend the Constitution and to faithfully discharge her duties to the best of her abilities.

The idea that Collins has only one important identity, and that the identity ought to have been the beginning and the end of her judgment about Kavanaugh ... well, that sounds like a distressing echo of misogynists who once insisted that women were all so similar, they could only want the same thing: a husband, a home and children.

Thank God for the bold, tireless generations of women who fought to liberate us from that stupid notion. But this woman, at least, will also thank their ideological successors to remember that liberation doesn't mean much unless we're actually free to be fully human. True freedom is impossible as long as our chromosomes force us to march in lockstep toward a single set of goals. And full equality with men is decidedly incompatible with targeting women for special punishment whenever they get out of line.

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# The most profound broadcast came from space

By DAVID VON DREHLE

The Washington Post

Apollo 8 is having a moment. Fifty years after NASA launched the most audacious gamble in its history, this overshadowed milestone of human exploration is the subject of books by Jeffrey Kluger and Robert Kurson and an award-winning short documentary by filmmaker and musician Emmanuel Vaughan-Lee.

Its timing could not be more perfect. The story takes us back to 1968, a bitter and demoralizing nadir of the Vietnam War, an ordeal of assassinations, riots, discredited leaders and broken policies. Inside America's space program, engineers were worried that President John F. Kennedy's stirring promise to go to the moon before 1970 would be unredeemed — or worse, that it would be fulfilled by the Soviet Union. The colossal Saturn V rocket remained unproven, while a lunar landing craft faced an array of technological obstacles.

At this gloomy moment, NASA's George Low proposed something wildly out of character for the step-by-step agency: Rip up the playbook. Take the parts of a moon mission that appeared to be ready — maybe ready, possibly ready — bundle them into a spacecraft and boost them into lunar orbit by the end of the year.

The proposal was a much question mark. No human had ever ridden a rocket as powerful as the Saturn V. No human had ever left the Earth's orbit. No human had ever traveled through interplanetary space to be captured by the gravity of another world. And certainly no human had ever done all this and returned home like a space-age Odysseus.

The stakes were desperately high. A successful voyage would prove the workability of the Apollo plan for a lunar landing. It would validate most of the necessary systems and scout the moon's terrain. But a failure could delay or even derail Apollo, and there were so many ways to fail. The crew could blow up atop the rocket, or crash into the moon, or become trapped in lunar orbit, or sail away to be incinerated by the sun.

Three extraordinary astronauts volunteered for this risky business, each combining the nerve skill of an ace pilot with the disciplined brain of an advanced scientist or engineer. Steely Frank Borman commanded the mission. Jovial James Lovell, who would later steer the damaged Apollo 13 spacecraft safely home, was the navigator. Physicist William Anders piloted the command module. But with three men in a tiny craft a quarter of a million miles from safety, each one had to be proficient in every aspect of the enterprise.

Spoiler alert: They made it. Sucked by gravity to the blistering speed of some 25,000 mph, the fastest humans had ever traveled, they came hurtling toward Earth as their little spaceship ripped through the atmosphere. Apollo 8 was a triumph by any measure, a brilliant blend of invention, computation, teamwork and plain guts. The astronauts wrote a brave and optimistic ending to a grim and hateful year.

But the best thing I find about Christmas about this memory? Born a long ago Christmas that I now understand at last: Apollo 8 sailed off to explore the moon, but along the way the mission rediscovered Earth. For the first time, human eyes ventured far enough to see our planet for what it truly is: a marbled orb hovering on the impossible; a delicate bubble of life and meaning

swinging through the cold and empty darkness of space.

Of all the millions of people over thousands of years who had looked up and imagined themselves floating among the stars, these three men were the first to experience it. And it opened their eyes to the harsh, dead reality of space. When the Earth came up, blue and white and smiling over the moon's horizon for the first time, they saw, like the God of Genesis, that it was good. Anders snapped the photograph. You've seen it.

The astronauts ended their Christmas Eve television transmission by reading from the biblical creation story as their craft sped toward the lunar night. This primitive, elemental account of a living world — carved from darkness, marked out from the silent firmament — was never more persuasive and never more moving. To the list of Apollo 8's accomplishments, add this: Nothing as profound has ever been broadcast.

"What they should've sent was poets," Borman has said, "because I don't think we captured in its entirety the grandeur of what we had seen." I would disagree. The message came through loud and clear. We only need to be reminded.

Mired in another bitter year, Apollo 8 still speaks to us, challenging us to dream of big things and dare for grand causes. And also teaching again the lesson that we are blessed to be here aboard a living planet in a vast ocean of lifelessness. Lucky to have company in a lonely galaxy. Called to care for one another, and for this unlikely lifeboat that is our mutual home.

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## OPINION

## Dems lying about pre-existing conditions

By Ed Rogers

Special to The Washington Post

In November of every even-numbered year since at least 1970, the biggest lie in American politics has been Democrats claiming that Republicans are going to take away your Social Security. Republicans learned to live in a defensive crouch and to try to avoid mentioning the words "Social Security." Now the new lie is about health care, mostly that Republicans are going to take away coverage for pre-existing conditions.

As usual, the truth is very different. The Senate Republican Policy Committee explained in a May 2017 paper that under the Republican-backed alternative to "Obamacare," the American Health Care Act, "no one will be denied coverage because of a pre-existing condition." Even if you are skeptical of Republican talking points, you don't have to look very far to find objective confirmation. According to FactCheck.org, "Sen. (Chuck) Schumer (D-N.Y.) ... was wrong to say, as he did on the Senate floor April 28, that the bill goes 'back to the day when insurance companies could deny coverage to those with pre-existing conditions'."

And, oh, by the way, the Democrats are the ones who pushed for Obamacare's burdensome regulations and expensive mandatory coverage, which upended the health insurance market. I don't think Democrats specifically want patients to pay more out

**Republicans could suffer if they can't make health care an economic issue and it becomes more of a central issue that really drives votes in November. So, it is easy to see why Democrats are attacking Republicans on it.**

of pocket, but Obamacare required it and helped put us in this unfortunate position. According to Health Affairs, nearly 90 percent of individual enrollees in Obamacare plans in 2015 had deductibles above \$1,300, which met the definition of a high-deductible plan, according to the IRS. By limiting consumer choice and mandating unneeded services, the Democrats directly attacked middle-class Americans — not Republicans. Full stop.

Republicans haven't been able to fully repeal and replace Obamacare, but they have worked to reverse negative trends. According to a report Thursday from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, "the average premium for second low-cost silver plans (SLCSP) for the 2019 coverage year will drop by 1.5 percent, the first time average premiums have dropped since the implementation of the Federally-facilitated Exchange in 2014." That doesn't mean the battle is over, and it doesn't mean that we don't need better coverage options. But Democrats don't have any answers.

A Pew poll published in late September showed that health care was the second-

most important issue to voters at the time, next only to the Supreme Court nomination, and ahead of the economy. Democrats lost on the Supreme Court, and voters credit President Donald Trump and the Republican Congress for the booming economy. But Republicans could suffer if they can't make health care an economic issue and it becomes more of a central issue that really drives votes in November. So, it is easy to see why Democrats are attacking Republicans on it.

In their recently released "For the People" agenda, Democrats criticize Trump for not doing enough to combat what they describe as "soaring" drug prices. But even as we speak, Republicans are working to shore up reforms and fix problems in the system. Of course, it got hardly any coverage, but just last week Trump signed into law two bills that make it easier for patients to learn about the true costs of their prescriptions. Unsurprisingly, few Democrats could be spotted behind the president at Wednesday's signing ceremony.

Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Chairman Lamar Alexander, R-

Tenn., did his part to fight the Democrats' fable when he recently told reporters, "I don't want the Democrats getting away with making it up that pre-existing conditions are going to change." The fact that Republicans are actively engaged in a fight to challenge Obamacare's constitutionality in the courts should be seen as no surprise, and apparently neither should that Democrats won't recognize Republicans for going the extra mile to assure voters of their support for health care coverage of patients with pre-existing conditions. Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, R-Calif., a lifelong member of the Republican right wing, has even released a compelling television advertisement in which he pledges support for protection of pre-existing conditions. It features his daughter, who was diagnosed with leukemia when she was 8. Nobody, no Republican, wants to deny people with pre-existing conditions of insurance coverage. To say otherwise is just wrong.

Democrats can't accept that the hallmark of the Obama years — Obamacare — has been a flop and is being taken apart piece by piece. And they will do anything to use the health care issue against Republicans. No lie is too big.

Republicans don't want to take away your health care or leave people with pre-existing conditions without coverage. If Democrats will lie to you about this, they will lie to you about other things.

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## Wilkie jilts Walz on Mar-a-Lago probe, cites pending lawsuit

By Tom Philpott

Special to Stars and Stripes

Vice Secretary Robert Wilkie has refused to provide Minnesota Rep. Tim Walz, ranking Democrat on the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, with copies of emails and other internal communications between the Department of Veterans Affairs officials and three members of President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago counter club who allegedly influenced VA policies and executive hiring and firing decisions for at least a year.

Wilkie told Walz in a Sept. 14 letter that the documents the congressman seeks are "the subject of ongoing litigation alleging violations of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and, therefore, not appropriate for release at this time."

"It's stonewalling, plain and simple," Walz said in an interview Wednesday, adding, "This just reeks of corruption. It's cronyism."

Four days later Walz's office sent a second letter to Wilkie. This one set a new deadline of Oct. 31 for the VA to release all documents showing VA interactions with billionaire Ike Perlmutter, Palm Beach, Fla., physician Bruce Moskowitz and lawyer Marc Sherman, all of them Mar-a-Lago regulars who are alleged to influence personnel decisions and to shape policy at the VA after Trump became president.

Walz told Wilkie that his response was "a transparent attempt to stonewall not only a member of Congress but also the American public on a matter of significant importance to our nation's veterans. Be assured, this issue will remain active in recent of the Committee until all our questions have been answered."

The lawsuit Wilkie cited was filed Aug. 18 in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia by VoteVets Action Fund, which has been the highest spending liberal nonprofit organization in recent federal elections, according to the Center

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for Responsive Politics. The fund is associated with VoteVets.org, a political action committee and nonprofit social welfare organization founded in 2006 by Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans who hold progressive political views.

VoteVets contends the Trump administration empowered Perlmutter, Moskowitz and Sherman to influence the VA in violation of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, a Watergate-era law passed to ensure that advisers to federal departments are objective and their advice is accessible to the public.

Alan Grogg, an attorney representing VoteVets, said its complaint relies on a lengthy ProPublica news article and VA documents that the online newsroom obtained under the Freedom of Information Act. It argues the president's friends constituted an advisory group and yet the advisers, all of them nonveterans, met none of the transparency requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

The law requires, Grogg explained, that if an agency is going to use an outside group to provide advice and recommendations, it has to file a charter for the committee, disclose the minutes of its meetings and disclose materials provided to the committee. The VA did no such thing, Grogg said, to legitimize the "Mar-a-Lago Crowd," he said.

Documents ProPublica obtained "show the way these three individuals were empowered to not only provide advice and recommendations but even to influence decision making," Grogg said. "It's unfortunately part of a pattern with this administration, leaning on nongovernment individuals to exercise governmental authority, and it's a jarring example of that trend."

The lawsuit seeks a court order to stop the Mar-a-Lago trio from meeting with or advising Wilkie or other VA officials until

the VA complies with transparency obligations of the 1972 law.

Walz said the midterm elections next month are the reason Republican colleagues on the committee haven't joined him yet in pressing the VA for documents to reveal how the Mar-a-Lago trio influenced the department.

"I don't want to criticize them openly yet," Walz said, adding, "I think it's a fair hesitation on their part going into an election."

Regardless of November election results, he added, "this is not going away. This is veterans' health care. These are unelected officials who I believe, just straight up, have financial interests in this with [computer applications] they are trying to promote, some of their companies that have been intersected. I think the potential for deep cronyism, getting an inside track, for corruption, is there."

Walz said Rep. Phil Roe, R-Tenn., the House committee chairman, is "a man of great integrity." Walz trusts him to "be right with me," seeking answers about the Mar-a-Lago trio after the election, assuming he too suspects undue influence.

Republicans on the committee "know, and they care, that this is wrong."

Walz wouldn't give the same benefit of the doubt to Wilkie, who served as acting VA secretary earlier this year and was linked to the Mar-a-Lago crowd. When Trump later nominated him to be VA secretary, He took office in July.

Wilkie's refusal to release the documents made a bad situation "significantly worse by sending a letter falsely claiming" documents are being withheld "because of a lawsuit filed [six days after I requested the information]," Walz said.

"He knew what the situation was there. He made that choice. You lay with dogs, you get fleas," Walz said.

Democrats on the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee pressed Wilkie at a hearing last month about VA interactions with the Mar-a-Lago trio. Wilkie told Sen. Patty

Murray, D-Wash., he will reject improper outside influences on the VA.

"A lot of those [interactions reported by ProPublica] took place before I became the secretary, and I am committed to making sure that I am the sole person responsible" for VA policy, Wilkie said.

Asked if any VA officials still consult with the Mar-a-Lago Crowd, Wilkie said, "Not that I know of. I met with them once for an hour when I was in Palm Beach the first week I was acting [secretary]. I have had no connection with them since then."

Pressed by Sen. Mazie Hirono, D-Hawaii, Wilkie said the topic discussed with the trio in Palm Beach was the Cerner Corp. contract to create a new electronic health record system for the VA, the same system adopted by Department of Defense.

"And if I'm going to believe the media stories, that the folks I talked to were against it, then I went against their wishes because I approved it two weeks later," Wilkie said.

Wilkie also conceded to Hirono that his first contact with a member of the Mar-a-Lago group occurred the day he began his job as acting VA secretary, Oct. 1, 2017, when Marc Sherman was waiting for him in his office at VA headquarters.

What was discussed at that, Hirono asked.

"Somebody I had never met before ... was standing there and told me for whom he worked. And I listened and I said, 'Thank you. I'm always happy to listen to anyone who wants to talk about veterans. I was not familiar with what was going on. Again, that was my first day,' Wilkie said.

Wilkie's decision to deny him the documents means "he owns this now," Walz said. And he said he would sue if the influence has been. They are unelected officials who are interfering and have no authority whatsoever ... other than they bought expensive memberships and they've got an inside track to the president."

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## WORLD

# Prospect of talks between Xi, Trump raise hope for thaw

By CHRISTOPHER BODEN  
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Associated Press

BEIJING — With China and the United States opening the door to a meeting next month between Presidents Xi Jinping and Donald Trump, hopes are rising for a potential easing of tensions in the trade war between the world's two largest economies.

Worries about the increased tariffs the two sides have imposed on each other's goods contributed to a dizzying bout of volatility in financial markets last week. The higher tariffs raise costs for companies in both countries, and economists say that if they remain in place indefinitely, they could depress economic growth.

A Xi-Trump meeting, if it happens, would take place during a summit of leaders of the Group of 20 biggest global economies in Argentina in late November.

"I don't think any decision has

been made in regards to a meeting," Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin told reporters Saturday in Bali, Indonesia, where he's attending global finance meetings.

Still, Larry Kudlow, Trump's top economic adviser, said in Washington on Friday that preparations for the talks were underway.

"It looks like there will be a meeting in Buenos Aires at the G-20," Kudlow said in an interview with CNBC. "We are looking at it. The Chinese are looking at it. Preparations are being made. I can't say (with) 100 percent certainty, but there is no question everybody is looking at it."

Kudlow said that so far, the administration viewed China's negotiating offers as "rather unsatisfactory" but that "maybe talks between the two heads of state will bear fruit."

Asked if China would need to make specific concessions for such a meeting to take place,



ANDY WONG/AP

**President Donald Trump chats with Chinese President Xi Jinping during a welcome ceremony in November 2017 at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.**

Mnuchin said, "To the extent that we can make progress toward a meeting, I would encourage that, and that's something we're having discussions about. But for the moment, there's no preconditions. The president will decide on that."

The trade feud has been fueled by U.S. accusations that China engages in cybertheft and coerces foreign companies into handing over technology in return for access to the Chinese market, as well as by Trump's anger over China's trade surplus with the U.S. It is far from clear that the U.S. might be preparing to consider lifting penalty tariffs

on about \$250 billion of Chinese products.

Mnuchin repeated the Trump administration's determination to achieve a more balanced trading relationship that does not require foreign companies to form joint ventures to transfer technology to gain market access.

Lu Kang, a spokesman for China's Foreign Ministry, offered no specifics Friday but said, "I have also seen the relevant reports."

The Wall Street Journal and The Washington Post have cited officials as saying Trump has decided to proceed with a meeting with Xi.

## Cyclone Leslie slams into Portugal; 27 hurt

LISBON, Portugal — A weakened hurricane Leslie slammed into the coast of Portugal, leaving 27 people injured as it uprooted trees, brought down power lines and smashed store windows with gusting winds and heavy rain.

More than 60 people were forced to leave their homes, and more than 300,000 people suffered power outages overnight, said Luis Belo Costa, of Portugal's National Protection Agency. He also gave the injury toll but added that none of the injuries was life-threatening.

Leslie had been downgraded from a Category 1 hurricane to a post-tropical cyclone with winds of 70 mph by the time it landed on Portugal's Atlantic coast late Saturday. But state broadcaster RTP said Leslie's wind speeds reached 105 mph in the coastal town of Figueira da Foz, 125 miles north of Lisbon.

## Israel threatens Hamas in Gaza over protests

JERUSALEM — Israel's prime minister is threatening "very painful blows" against Gaza's Hamas rulers if they don't halt protests along the perimeter fence that have led to clashes with Israeli troops.

Benjamin Netanyahu said Sunday that Israel was very close to waging a "different kind of activity" against the Islamic militants. He said, "If it has any sense, Hamas will cease its fire and violent outbursts — now."

## Wind, rain from storm Callum kills 2 in UK

LONDON — Storm Callum is weakening after its gusty winds and strong rains killed two people and caused damages in some parts of Britain.

Officials say one man died Saturday after a landslide in western Wales while another was swept away by rough seas in Brighton on the southern coast of England.

At the height of the storm on Friday and Saturday, winds were over 70 mph. Some rivers overflowed, flooding homes and leading to a cut in power supplies. Wales was the hardest hit region and officials warned people to stay away from flooded areas.

Forecasters said there would still be some rain Sunday but that the areas heaviest hit by the storm should brighten throughout the day.

## Nepal blocks 25,000 websites in porn ban

KATHMANDU, Nepal — Nepalese internet providers have begun blocking thousands of pornographic websites as part of a government directive aimed at stopping sexual violence.

The government issued new criminal and civil codes this year that include regulations against the use, broadcast and publication of pornographic materials.

Min Prasad Aryal, of the Nepal Telecom Authority, said Sunday that more than 25,000 websites have been blocked under the campaign.

From The Associated Press

# Abe renews pledge to change Japan's charter

By EUGENE HOSHIKO  
Associated Press

ASAKA, Japan — Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe renewed his pledge Sunday to push for a revision to the country's war-renouncing constitution and he wants the military explicitly mentioned.

Speaking before a field of about 4,000 troops, Abe said a revision is needed to give his troops a sense of pride.

"You have gained public trust with your own hands. He, wearing a tuxedo, told the troops in his address. "Now it's time to fulfill our responsibility as politicians to accommodate an environment where all Self-Defense Forces can accomplish their duties with sense of pride."

About 260 tanks and other military vehicles and 40 warplanes were exhibited at the event.

Re-elected as head of his ruling party last month and with up to three more years as Japan's leader, Abe is determined to



EUGENE HOSHIKO/AP

**Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, center standing, reviews members of the Japan Self-Defense Forces during Self-Defense Forces Day at Camp Asaka, north of Tokyo, on Sunday.**

pursue his long-sought charter amendment.

Many Japanese conservatives see Japan's U.S.-drafted constitution as a humiliation imposed after their World War II defeat.

When the Self-Defense Forces

was established in 1954, public opinion was initially divided over its role. But today, the force has gained support for its largely non-combat contribution in international peacekeeping efforts and disaster relief.

Abe wants to add a clause to Article 9 of the constitution, which bans the use of force in settling international disputes. He wants to explicitly permit the existence of Japan's military.

Opponents say such a revision is not necessary because the defense force is widely recognized inside and outside the country as Japan's military, and its constitutionality is no longer an issue.

Abe's ruling Liberal Democratic Party has continuously expanded the force's international role by loosening interpretations of Article 9. In 2015, his government passed a defense law allowing Japanese troops to defend U.S. and other allies in case of foreign attack, a fundamental change from its self-defense-only policy.

Two-thirds approval is needed in both houses to propose a revision, which would then be subject to a national referendum. Media surveys have shown that most voters care more about their pay, education costs and the economy than a constitution revision.

# Spontaneous caravan of migrants winds way through Honduras

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — A caravan of more than 1,000 Hondurans is winding its way toward their country's border with Guatemala, with the goal of reaching a better life in the United States.

Dunia Montoya, a volunteer helping the migrants, said the

group planned to sleep Saturday inside an auditorium in Santa Rosa de Copan, a town several hours east by car from Guatemala.

The migration began swelling spontaneously Friday after local media reported that approximately 160 migrants who had agreed to depart together for greater safety from San Pedro Sula. The aspir-

ing migrants organized via WhatsApp chats.

"People leave Honduras every day, but this is the first time (they do it) in a public way and in a group," Montoya said in a telephone interview from Santa Rosa de Copan.

Other Hondurans who had been thinking of leaving the country

saw an opportunity to go with a support network. They stuffed backpacks with essentials and rushed to join the caravan.

People lent vans and trucks to help the group, whose initial members had started out on foot. Hondurans offered bottles of water or food along the way.



# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Teacher who said Trump aide ate glue suspended

**CA** SANTA MONICA — A Southern California school district has suspended a teacher who recounted how a senior aide to President Donald Trump ate glue as a third-grader.

Nikki Fiske, 72, told the Hollywood Reporter that when Stephen Miller was a student in her classroom, he was a loner with a messy desk who played with glue. She called Miller "a strange dude."

The Los Angeles Times reported Thursday that the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District placed Fiske on "home assignment" while it decides what to do — if anything — about the disclosures. The district said it's concerned about the public release of student information.

## Truck driver found not guilty in fatal crash

**NE** PAPILLION — The driver of a loaded concrete truck that tipped onto a car last year near Omaha, killing two people, has been found not guilty of two counts of misdemeanor motor vehicle homicide.

Television station KETV reported that a jury found Austin Holloway, 21, of Fremont, not guilty on Friday. Holloway was on trial for the Oct. 25, 2017, deaths of Michael Dearden and Phillip Hertel, both 23, who were killed when Holloway's truck tipped while turning at a La Vista intersection.

Prosecutors argued that Holloway was going too fast for the turn. Holloway's attorneys said Holloway's employer, Consolidated Concrete, overloaded the truck, causing it to tip. They also said the company had ignored Holloway's written complaints that the truck was unsafe.

## WWII explosive used as decoration in garden

**FL** VERO BEACH — Air Force explosive expert removed a World War II-era artillery rocket that was being used as a garden decoration in a Florida neighborhood.

TCPalm.com reported that the Army Corps of Engineers employees were working in a Vero Beach neighborhood Thursday when they noticed the 2-foot training rocket. They notified the explosives team at nearby Patrick Air Force Base who examined the rocket and said while it appeared to be disarmed, it may still contain explosives.

The Vero Beach area was a major military training site during World War II, and the Air Force believes the rocket came from that area.

## Pipe bomb suspect found insane, not guilty

**OK** TULSA — A man accused of detonating a pipe bomb outside an Oklahoma military recruiting station has been found not guilty by reason of insanity.

Court records in Tulsa indicate a federal judge handed down

## THE CENSUS

# \$3,350

The amount a jacket worn by fictional detective Jimmy McNulty in the popular HBO television series "The Wire" sold for at auction to a real-life McNulty. The Baltimore Sun reported that a blue jacket worn by actor Dominic West sold Saturday at the Thomas Johnson Elementary Middle School Fall Festival. West starred as detective Jimmy McNulty in the critically acclaimed drama, and the jacket features a "J. McNulty" nametag. The buyer, Kevin McNulty, has a son named James McNulty. Series creator David Simon had promoted the auction on his Twitter account. He tweeted that he slipped a bottle of whiskey into one of the pockets and included a signed script in the sale. Proceeds are going to the Baltimore public education system.



CHRISTIAN MURDOCK, THE (COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.) GAZETTE/AP

## Celebrating ski season's start

Skiers from the Breckenridge, Colo., area, celebrate as they take the first chair on the Treasure Stoke lift Saturday on the opening day of skiing for the 2018-19 season at Wolf Creek Ski Area in Colorado. Wolf Creek is the first ski area in North America to open, following 30 inches of fresh snow, and will operate on Saturdays and Sundays for now.

the verdict Tuesday to Benjamin Roden, 29. The former Air Force senior airman was indicted for destruction of government property after a pipe bomb exploded in front of an unoccupied Air Force recruiting station near Tulsa on July 10, 2017. No one was hurt.

The ruling states psychological examinations of Roden proved he had "a severe mental disease or defect" and didn't understand what he was doing when the offense occurred. Federal prosecutors agreed to the verdict.

The judge ordered Roden to remain in custody for treatment.

## Couple accuses Uber driver of sexual assault

**MO** JOPLIN — A former Uber driver is charged with crawling into bed with a Missouri couple and sexually assaulting the woman after giving them a ride home from a bar.

The Joplin Globe reported that Malachi Murdock, 24, was charged Tuesday with first-degree sodomy and first-degree sexual abuse.

Joplin police Capt. Trevor Duncan said the boyfriend invited Murdock in for a drink after he gave the couple a ride. They then let him sleep on their couch be-

cause he was intoxicated.

The affidavit said the woman awoke to Murdock fondling her. She said that she awakened her boyfriend, who told Murdock to leave. Duncan said Murdock then returned the next night, and the couple again told him to leave.

Uber said in a statement that it removed the driver's access to the ride-sharing app upon learning of the allegations.

## Sculpture adorned with giant Red Sox hat

**MA** BOSTON — Even the late conductor of the Boston Pops is celebrating the Boston Red Sox victory over the New York Yankees in the American League Division Series.

The nonprofit Esplanade Association and a local knitwear company with an unprintable name teamed up to create a giant Red Sox beanie to perch atop a sculpture of Arthur Fiedler's head along the Charles River.

Michael Nichols, executive director of the association, told the Boston Globe that the hat, 17 feet in circumference, links two great Boston traditions "with an homage as grand as Arthur Fiedler's legacy." Fiedler died in 1979.

## Friend in spat shot with rubber bullets

**ME** WINDHAM — A South Carolina man is accused of shooting his best friend three times with a gun loaded with rubber bullets in an argument about the friend's wife.

The Portland Press Herald reported that Ace Haseltine, 43, was released Tuesday from Cumberland County Jail on \$10,000 bail. He's charged with elevated aggravated assault with a deadly weapon for shooting Gann Gullatt on Sept. 29 in Windham.

Haseltine told the newspaper he used the gun after an argument escalated into a brawl. It was unclear who owned the gun.

## Giant donated hammer artwork stolen

**CA** HEALDSBURG — The Santa Rosa Press- Democrat reported that police in Healdsburg are looking for an enormous artwork that vanished over the weekend of Oct. 5.

The artwork was an 800-pound ball-peen hammer made of metal with a long redwood handle. The hammer measures 21 feet long,

and the head is 6 feet tall.

The piece, valued at \$15,000, was loaned by the artist about a year ago to the Healdsburg Community Center.

The artist, Doug Unkrey, said it would have required about eight people or a flatbed trailer with a winch to carry away his work.

## Apology issued to transgender student

**VA** STAFFORD — A Virginia school district superintendent has apologized to a transgender middle schooler who was barred from using the boys' or girls' locker rooms during an active shooter drill.

The Free-Lance Star reported Stafford Public Schools superintendent Scott Kizner reiterated that apology at a school board meeting after the incident sparked a national outcry.

The girl was forced to sit alone during the drill while other students in her physical education class took shelter in locker rooms.

Kizner told the newspaper the system will review its procedures and make unspecified policy changes if necessary.

From wire reports

# FACES

Country music artists — top row from left, Carrie Underwood, Miranda Lambert and Hillary Scott, bottom row from left, Karen Fairchild, Kimberly Schlapman, Maren Morris and Kelsea Ballerini — will be honored at CMT's Artists of the Year show Oct. 17 in Nashville. It is the first year that CMT is honoring all female artists. The show airs Oct. 24 on AFN-Spectrum.



## 'It's about dadgum time'

### Loretta Lynn among the women of country music to applaud CMT for all-female awards show

By KRISTIN M. HALL  
Associated Press

Country icon Loretta Lynn doesn't mince words when it comes to CMT's decision to honor all-female artists, including Carrie Underwood, Miranda Lambert and more, at its annual Artists of the Year show, where Lynn will be recognized as an artist of a lifetime. "It's about dadgum time that we recognize women and not just country music but all music," Lynn, 86, said in a statement to The Associated Press. "A big yee haw to CMT for doing so." The coal miner's daughter has been blazing trails for women in country music since the 1960s, and she'll be honored on Oct. 17 in Nashville, by her friend and actress Sissy Spacek, who won an Oscar for portraying her in the hit biopic.

While women have been struggling to be played on radio and on streaming playlists or earn nominations for country awards, CMT decided to celebrate the ladies this year, with honors going also to Kimberly Schlapman and Karen Fairchild of Little Big Town, Hillary Scott of Lady Antebellum, Maren Morris and Kelsea Ballerini. Ballerini's debut album resulted in three consecutive No. 1 country radio singles, the first time any female artist had done so in the genre, and she was part of CMT's Next Women of Country, a yearly installment of new and upcoming female artists that CMT supports. Ballerini said she worried that the lack of women in country music was

just going to remain a conversation in the industry, without any real action to correct it.

"Finally we're seeing people actually do stuff about it," Ballerini said. "CMT choosing to use their platform, which is a massive platform in country music, to honor only women is not just conversation, but actual change. That's a massive step forward."

The night will feature the honorees in cross-genre collaborations with special guests. Ballerini will be singing with Alison Krauss, Morris will be doing a tribute to Aretha Franklin with Brandi Carlile, and the women from Little Big Town will be singing with soul legend Gladys Knight. Scott will be singing with pop singer Tori Kelly and gospel singer Kirk Franklin.

Leslie Fram, CMT's senior vice president of music strategy, said the timing just felt right for CMT to make the change this year. For the past couple of years, award shows from the Oscars to the Grammys have been trying to address a lack of diversity in nominees and winners.

"And if you look at all these artists individually, they have all had amazing accomplishments individually, whether it's professionally or personally and things that they do in their community, so it really made sense this year," Fram said.

Lambert will be performing with her all-girl group, the Pistol Annies, featuring Ashley Monroe and Angaleena Presley, who are releasing a new album in November. "We have to support each other,"



AP photos

"It's about dadgum time that we recognize women and not just country music but all music," Loretta Lynn said in a statement to The Associated Press. "A big yee haw to CMT for doing so."

Lambert said. "It's not an industry supporting us. It's us believing in each other and respecting each other's art and I think that it also pushes us to be better when someone is really great. You need a little competition. As long as the women keep delivering, I think it's just building it up, building it up."

Underwood will be performing with her upcoming tour openers, Maddie and Tae and Runaway June.

"I'm a big believer in actions speak louder than words," said Maddie Marlow. "And with CMT with Artists of the Year, and Carrie with making this kind of tour, I love when people are acting on it and not just, 'Oh we need to fight for women in country.' They are actually making moves." The show will air on CMT on Oct. 17 and Oct. 24 on AFN-Spectrum.

## Lindsay Buckingham sues band for kicking him out

From wire services

Lindsay Buckingham is suing Fleetwood Mac for kicking him off the band's new tour.

In the suit, the Hollywood Reporter says the guitarist and songwriter is seeking his share of the tour because he says he still wants and is able to perform.

The suit names bandmates Mick Fleetwood, Stevie Nicks, Christine McVie and John McVie.

Buckingham claims he was told five days after the group appeared at Radio City Music Hall in January that the band would tour without him. He says he would have been paid at least \$12 million for his share of the tour proceeds.

The band's publicist has not responded to an email seeking comment.

### Coogler to write, direct sequel

Ryan Coogler isn't leaving Wakanda: The filmmaker will write and direct the sequel to "Black Panther."

A person close to the production who requested anonymity because they weren't authorized to announce the deal confirmed Coogler's return to the Marvel franchise Oct. 11. The Hollywood Reporter first reported Coogler's widely expected involvement in the "Black Panther" sequel.

Neither a start date nor a release date has yet been announced.

Coogler is also a producer on the upcoming "Creed 2," a sequel to Coogler's 2015 Apollo Creed film.

### Other news

■ Queen Latifah is declining an award named for a pioneering opera singer, citing "personal reasons." The Marian Anderson Award made the announcement on its website. The organization wasn't more explicit, and Queen Latifah's spokeswoman did not immediately return an email Oct. 12 from The Associated Press. The Marian Anderson Award is given in Philadelphia to critically acclaimed artists for their humanitarian work. Anderson was the first black singer to perform at the Metropolitan Opera.

■ Just days after postponing three of the final four dates on his North American No More Tours 2 farewell tour, Ozzy Osbourne on Oct. 11 canceled all four of those dates because of continuing medical problems. His San Diego, Los Angeles, Mountain View, Calif., and Las Vegas concerts will now be next year. Tickets for the shows will be valid for the new — as yet unannounced — dates, or can be refunded. The singer underwent surgery recently at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles for an infection in his right hand.

■ Danielle Spencer, who played the tattletale little sister Dee Thompson on the 1970s TV series "What's Happening!," is home in Virginia recuperating from emergency brain surgery after a series of health setbacks. Spencer was released from a hospital Oct. 4 after surgery for a bleeding hematoma, a result of a 1977 car accident that killed her stepfather. She can speak just slightly and must use crutches to walk, said a spokesman, Jason Hardy. The 53-year-old Spencer began suffering symptoms in 2004.

■ Author Marie Lu is continuing the story of her million-selling Legend series. Lu has agreed to a multimillion dollar, three-book deal with Roaring Brook Press, the publisher announced Oct. 12. The first book is set 10 years after her third Legend installment, "Champion," which came out in 2013. Currently untitled and scheduled for fall 2019, the upcoming novel will again feature such characters as young Eden Bataar Wing and take place in the dystopian Republic of America. Lu's deal also includes a new series in the science-fiction-fantasy "Skyhunter."

■ Authorities say a crew member working on a movie about Mister Rogers has died after he suffered an apparent medical emergency and fell two stories off a balcony in Pennsylvania. Allegheny County says James Emswiler fell around 7:30 p.m. Oct. 11 during a break in filming. The 61-year-old Pittsburgh man died later at a hospital. Emswiler was involved in the sound production of "You Are My Friend." The film is based on the life of Fred Rogers, the genial host of "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood." Mount Lebanon police say Emswiler fell over a brick wall on the balcony at an apartment building.

From wire reports

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## BUSINESS/WEATHER

## Investors hunt clues for next financial crisis

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Stung by their failure to spot the financial turmoil of 10 years ago and two decades since Asian markets were rolled, policymakers, traders and economists are looking at the clock as they wonder when and where the next meltdown will hit.

At its annual meetings in Bali, Indonesia, last week, the International Monetary Fund warned investors may be underestimating the risk of a financial shock.

One of the axioms of financial history though is that no two crises are the same so the search is on for potential triggers in the world economy and markets. A policy mistake by the Federal Reserve, such as raising rates too fast or for too long, could swipe the U.S. economy and dis-

rupt markets around the world.

Here are some potential hot spots:

■ **China.** Credit fueled China's rapid rise as an economic power. Lately, Beijing has been taking steps to slow the rate of corporate debt growth, but total debt outside the banking sector continued to rise last year and remains on an unsustainable path, according to the IMF.

The odds are against a soft landing. Of 43 cases of rapid growth in debt-to-GDP similar to China's, only five ended without a major slowdown or financial crisis, according to the fund. Many economists still think Beijing has several factors in its favor, including a strong current-account position and room to ramp up government spending. But the trade war with the U.S. could force China to slow its debt reduc-

tion, driving financial risks even higher.

■ **Emerging markets.** Interest rate increases by the Federal Reserve coupled with a rising greenback have sent shock waves through emerging markets, making it harder for companies that borrowed in dollars to pay their debts. Argentina is borrowing \$57 billion from the IMF, the largest in the fund's history, to stem the nation's currency crisis. The Turkish lira plunged as investors questioned the ability of Recep Erdogan's administration to contain inflation.

Some emerging markets, such as Mexico and Colombia, have avoided being sucked into the maelstrom. But as central banks raise interest rates, investors may not be so discerning.

■ **Corporate debt.** Surging private debt has been the driv-

ing force behind the steady rise of global debt since 1950, according to the IMF. In the last crisis, U.S. household debt was the ticking time bomb. Consumers have since tightened their belts, but U.S. companies have picked up the slack.

Taking advantage of low rates and strong demand, American companies have issued record amounts of debt, pushing key debt ratios to near 30-year highs, according to Morgan Stanley chief cross-asset strategist Andrew Sheets.

It may be harder for the world to respond this time to turbulence, because central banks still haven't raised rates back to normal levels, leaving them less ammunition if and when they need to provide stimulus, said Jerome Jean Haegeli, group chief economist at Swiss Re Institute.

■ **Oil.** Rising crude prices are stirring talk of a return to \$100 per barrel for the first time since 2014, hitting countries that rely heavily on imports, including India, China, Taiwan, Chile, Turkey, Egypt and Ukraine. Prices have gained more than 15 percent since mid-August, and oil traded above \$74 a barrel in New York on Wednesday.

While higher prices is a positive for exporters, paying more for oil will put even more pressure on emerging markets vulnerable to rising U.S. interest rates.

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Euro costs (Oct. 15)	\$1.1876
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British pound (Oct. 15)	\$1.35
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Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
Britain (Pound)	\$1.1361
Canada (Dollar)	1.3949
China (Yuan)	6.8835
Denmark (Krone)	6.4516
Egypt (Pound)	17.9300
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Taiwan (Dollar)	32.76
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## William Coors, former chair of Adolph Coors Co., dies at 102

Associated Press

William "Bill" Coors, the former chairman of Adolph Coors Co. and grandson of the brewing company's founder, has died at 102. Molson Coors Brewing Co. said he died Saturday at his home in Golden, Colo.

Coors began his career with the company in 1939 and was chairman from 1959 to 2000, helping it grow from a regional brewer into one of the world's largest. He also was an official beer taste tester for the company and continued to taste test until his 100th birthday.

After earning chemical engineering degrees from Princeton University, Coors helped the company develop and introduce the modern aluminum beverage can in 1959. The company said he also started one of the country's first employee wellness centers.

Coors is survived by three children, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



William "Bill" Coors, center, talks about the merger between Molson and Coors after a news conference in February 2005 at the Coors Brewery in Golden, Colo.

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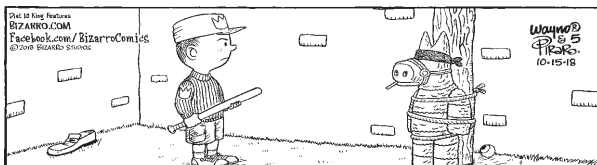
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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- Gershwin's "The — Love"
- Silent assent
- Complained
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- On the house
- 28 British "Inc."
- 29 Engine knocks
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- 41 Sweet wine
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- 47 Rim
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- 49 Enrway
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- 51 Scouting outing

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- 46 Tours season

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#### American Conference

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Miami	3	0	0
Buffalo	2	3	0
N.Y. Jets	2	3	0

#### South

Tennessee	3	2	0
Houston	2	3	0
Indianapolis	2	3	0

#### North

Cincinnati	2	3	0
San Francisco	2	3	0
Cleveland	2	3	0

#### West

Kansas City	5	0	0
L.A. Chargers	3	2	0
Denver	3	2	0
Oakland	2	3	0

### National Conference

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Washington	2	3	0	500	83
Dallas	2	3	0	400	83
N.Y. Giants	2	3	0	400	83

#### South

New Orleans	4	0	0	800	180
Carolina	3	2	0	750	104
Tampa Bay	2	3	0	500	112

#### North

Chicago	3	2	0	750	115
Minnesota	2	3	0	500	113
Green Bay	2	3	0	400	114

#### West

L.A. Rams	5	0	0	1,000	178
Seattle	3	2	0	400	116
San Francisco	1	4	0	200	118

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Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants 13

### Sunday's games

Seattle vs. Chargers at London

Cleveland at Miami

Chargers at N.Y. Jets

Buffalo at Houston

Tampa Bay at Atlanta

Pittsburgh at Cincinnati

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L.A. Rams at Denver

Philadelphia at Dallas

Baltimore at Tennessee

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Monday's game

San Francisco at Green Bay

Thursday, Oct. 18

Denver at Arizona

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## MLB PLAYOFFS

## Turner homers as Dodgers beat Brewers

LA breaks through against vaunted Milwaukee bullpen

By JAY COHEN  
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Justin Turner, the red-headed slugger delivered — again.

Shut down for most of the afternoon, Los Angeles staged another late rally and Turner hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning to send the Dodgers over the Milwaukee Brewers 4-3 and even the NL Championship Series at a game apiece.

The high-powered Dodgers had two mealy singles off Wade Miley before breaking through against a vaunted bullpen. After forcing the Brewers to use six relievers in Milwaukee's 6-5 victory Friday night, the NL West champions put that extended look to good use in Game 2, especially against faltering All-Star Jeremy Jeffress.

"As long as we have outs left, we know we're in the game," Turner said.

Milwaukee wasted a terrific performance by Miley in its first loss in three weeks, ending a 12-game winning streak that produced free burgers for its fans as part of a promotion by a local restaurant chain. Miley pitched 5½ scoreless innings in his second career playoff start and had two hits in his first multihit game since 2014.

"We were in really good shape with the effort that Wade gave us," Brewers manager Craig Counsell said. "He pitched beautifully."

The best-of-seven series moves to Los Angeles for Game 3 on Monday. Walker Buehler pitches for Los Angeles and Jhoulys Chacin gets the ball for Milwaukee.

Miley handed a 2-0 lead over to his bullpen in a surprisingly long start, and Travis Shaw tacked on a solo drive in the sixth, delighting a yellow towel-waving crowd of 43,905 at Miller Park. But that was the last run for the Brewers,



AP photos



**Above: The Los Angeles Dodgers' Justin Turner, center, celebrates after hitting a two-run home run during the eighth inning of Game 2 of the NLCS against the Brewers on Saturday in Milwaukee. Left: Brewers starting pitcher Wade Miley throws during the first inning. Miley pitched 5½ scoreless innings in his second career playoff start, but the Brewers lost 4-3, ending a three-week, 12-game winning streak.**

and the Dodgers finished off their rally this time around after nearly taking Game 1.

Turner had a career-worst four strikeouts in the opener but bounced back with his seventh career playoff homer. He was co-MVP of the NLCS last year with Taylor when Los Angeles made it to the World Series for the first time since 1988.

The Dodgers are making their sixth straight appearance in the playoffs while the upstart Brewers are in the postseason for the first time since 2011.

**'As long as we have outs left, we know we're in the game.'**

Justin Turner  
Los Angeles Dodgers 3B

**Bullpen cracking?:** Told he had the day off after pitching three shutout innings in the NLCS opener, hard-throwing Milwaukee left-hander Josh Hader wasn't expecting a call to the bullpen.

After watching Brewers relievers blow a late three-run lead in Game 2, Hader would have embraced back-to-back outings, high pitch count and all.

"Adrenaline can do a lot of things," he said when asked if he could have pitched.

Hader, who broke a 44-year-old record for regular-season strikeouts by a left-handed reliever, had thrown 46 pitches in the opener.

The best-of-seven series is tied at a game apiece after the Dodgers dented the rest of the Brewers' hard-throwing relievers in the late innings for a second straight day.

Milwaukee had the fifth-best bullpen ERA during the regular season at 3.47, including a best-in-the-majors 1.98 in September.

But the bullpen has been showing cracks. Milwaukee pitchers made 72 appearances during the Brewers' 12-game winning streak, including 24 in the first four games of the playoffs. It's a heavy workload.

Other than Hader, the Brewers' bullpen has allowed eight runs in 7½ innings against Los Angeles, a 9.82 ERA.

A travel day might allow the bullpen to reset heading into Game 3 Monday at Dodger Stadium, though Counsell said he would check with how his big three of Jeffress, Hader and Corey Knebel felt on the day off.

Milwaukee has been using its talented young pitchers in the postseason for multiple innings. It worked in the Division Series, but that philosophy is being tested by the Dodgers.

"I'm sure they had a scouting report before we came in," Hader said. "We're going to have the days that those the bloopers fall in, and there are going to be days that those bloopers get caught. It just didn't go our way that time."

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MLB PLAYOFFS

# Verlander ices Red Sox in opener

## Astros' hurler struggles, but hangs on for win

By JIMMY GOLEN  
Associated Press

BOSTON — With temperatures dipping into the 40s, numbing their fingertips as they tried to grip the baseball, Justin Verlander and Chris Sale both struggled to get the ball over the plate.

Verlander recovered quickly. Sale never did. After walking in one run and giving up the tying score on a wild pitch, Verlander struck out Andrew Benintendi on a contested called third strike, and the Houston Astros pulled away to beat the Boston Red Sox 7-2 on Tuesday night in the AL Championship Series opener.

The teams combined for just eight hits, but Red Sox pitchers walked 10 and hit three batters. Verlander walked four — tying a career postseason high, and more than he had in any outing in the regular season this year. Three of them and one of his two wild pitches came in a fifth inning that almost chased him from the game.

“That inning I had kind of lost my feel a bit. I couldn’t point my finger to why,” Verlander said. “The tying run scoring was a little disappointing. ... But once that happened, you’ve got to reset and not relinquish the lead.”

Verlander pitched six innings of two-hit ball and Carlos Correa fisted a single into left field to break a sixth-inning tie. Josh Reddick hit a solo homer to lead off the ninth and Yuli Gurriel curled a three-run shot into the front row beyond the Pesky Pole to give the defending World Series champions their fifth straight postseason victory.

Game 2 of the best-of-seven series was Sunday night, with Boston left-hander David Price trying to end his postseason skid against Astros righty Gerrit Cole. Cora has expressed confidence in Price, a Cy Young Award winner who is 0-9 in 10 postseason starts, and the 108-win Red Sox will need him to be better than Sale was in the opener.

In a rematch of last year’s Division Series opener, when the Astros hit back-to-back homers in the first inning and pounded Sale for seven runs in all, Verlander improved to 13-2 in the AL playoffs. Houston only got one hit off of Sale, but he loaded the bases with two outs in the second on two walks and a hit batter before reigning World Series MVP George Springer singled in two runs past the glove of third baseman Eduardo Nunez, who slipped as he stretched for the ball.

“Anytime you get two quick outs then you load up the bases and then you get two runs, that’s not what you’re looking for this time



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**Houston Astros starting pitcher Justin Verlander threw a career postseason-high four walks but allowed only two hits in six innings to earn the win in the first game of the ALCS.**

of year,” Sale said. “I just went out there and lost it for a little bit. I felt like I was battling myself for a little bit. I was trying to limit the damage and get out there as quick as we can.”

The Red Sox went down in order in the second, third and fourth innings before awaking the shivering, sold-out Fenway crowd in the fifth with Steve Pearce’s single — just their second hit in the game — and two walks. Verlander walked a third batter in a row, forcing in a run.

Mookie Betts hit a hard grounder, and third baseman Alex Bregman threw home for the force and the second out. With Jackie Bradley Jr. dancing on third base, Verlander put a 1-2 curveball in the dirt and past catcher Martin Maldonado, allowing the runners to advance and tying the game 2-2.

Andrew Benintendi worked the count full before looking at a 3-2 pitch that appeared to catch the edge of the zone for the third out.

“You can look at it two ways,” Red Sox right fielder Mookie Betts said. “They pitched their way out of it, but we didn’t hit our way out of it.”

Benintendi was less philosophical. He slammed down his helmet and bat down and jawed with plate umpire James Hoye before Red Sox coaches ran in to get between them.

Cora continued the argument and was ejected; he handed over his lineup card to bench coach Ron Roenicke and headed down the tunnel.

Houston took advantage of an-



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**Boston Red Sox starting pitcher Chris Sale walks to the dugout after giving up two runs against the Houston Astros during the second inning in Game 1 of a baseball American League Championship Series on Saturday in Boston.**

other hit batter in the sixth — this one by reliever Jay Kelly — and Nunez’s fielding error on Gurriel’s grounder to take a 3-2 lead. Reddick and Gurriel homered off Brandon Workman.

Verlander was charged with two runs and four walks while striking out six. He has allowed only nine hits in his past four postseason starts, matching Don Larsen (1955-57) as the only pitchers to allow nine hits over a span of four-postseason starts, according to STATS.

“The tying run scoring was a little disappointing,” Verlander said. “But once that happens,

then you’ve got to reset and not relinquish the lead.”

**Sale’s struggles:** Sale, who took the mound without long sleeves, left after the fourth inning — his only 1-2-3 inning of the game — having thrown 86 pitches. Sale gave up two runs, one hit, four walks and a hit batter, and his average fastball velocity of 92 mph was down 3 mph from the Division Series.

“I still like our chances,” he said. “We’ve got D.P. on the mound and we got a bunch of guys in here that are fired up over tonight. We’re not gonna hang our heads in the locker room.”

## Scoreboard

DIVISION SERIES (Best-of-five)	
American League	
Boston 3, New York 1	
Boston 5, New York 4	
New York 6, Boston 2	
Boston 16, New York 1	
Boston 4, New York 3	
National League	
Houston 3, Cleveland 0	
Houston 7, Cleveland 2	
Houston 3, Cleveland 1	
Houston 11, Cleveland 3	
National League	
Milwaukee 3, Colorado 0	
Milwaukee 3, Colorado 2, 10 innings	
Milwaukee 4, Colorado 2	
Milwaukee 6, at Colorado 0	
Los Angeles 3, Atlanta 1	
Los Angeles 6, Atlanta 0	
Atlanta 6, Los Angeles 5	
Los Angeles 6, Atlanta 2	
LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES (Best-of-seven, x-if necessary)	
American League	
Houston 1, Boston 0	
Saturday: Houston 7, Boston 2	
National League	
Tuesday: at Houston	
Wednesday: at Houston	
x-Thursday: at Houston	
x-Saturday, Oct. 20: at Boston	
x-Sunday, Oct. 21: at Boston	
National League	
Milwaukee 1, Los Angeles 1	
Friday: Milwaukee 6, Los Angeles 5	
Saturday: Los Angeles 4, Milwaukee 3	
Monday: Milwaukee (Chacin 15-8) at Los Angeles (Bumgarner 8-5)	
Tuesday: at Los Angeles (Hill 11-5)	
Wednesday: at Los Angeles	
x-Friday, Oct. 19: at Milwaukee	
x-Saturday, Oct. 20: at Milwaukee	

Saturday Astros 7, Red Sox 2												
Houston					Boston							
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi			
Springer cf	3	0	1	2	Betts rf	4	0	1	0			
Altuve 2b	4	1	0	0	Brennifd lf	4	0	0	0			
Bregman 3b	1	2	0	0	J.Martin dh	3	0	0	0			
Gurriel lb	5	1	1	3	Bogaerts ss	4	0	1	0			
White dh	3	0	0	0	Pearce 1b	4	1	1	0			
Mrsnick pr-dh	0	0	0	0	Holt 2b	4	0	0	0			
T.Kemp ph-dh	1	0	0	0	E.Nunez 3b	3	0	0	0			
B.Gonz 4mp	3	0	0	0	Brady 1b	2	1	0	0			
Correa ss	3	1	1	1	Leon c	1	0	0	0			
Maldonado c	3	1	0	0	Meredith ph	0	1	0	0			
Reddick rf	3	1	1	1	C.Vazquez pr-c	0	0	0	0			
Totals	30	7	5	7	Totals	30	2	3	2			
Houston					Boston					020 001 004-7		
Boston					Boston					000 020 000-7		
E-E.Nunez (1), Correa (1), DP-Houston 1, Boston 1, LOB-Houston 5, Boston 2, 2B-T.Martin (1), RF-Pearce (1), Reddick (1), SB-Maldonado (1), CS-Bregman (1), M.Gonzalez (2)												

Dodgers 4, Brewers 3												
Los Angeles				Milwaukee								
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi			
C.Tyler cf-LH-2b	4	1	2	2	Cain cf	4	0	1	1			
J.Terner 3b	4	1	2	2	Yelich rf	4	0	1	0			
Freese lb	2	0	0	0	Braun lf	4	0	0	1			
Muncy ph-LH-1	1	0	0	0	Aguilar 1b	2	0	0	0			
M.McChes ss	4	1	1	0	Burnes p	0	0	0	0			
McKemp 2b	4	0	0	0	Jaffar 2b	0	0	0	0			
Blinger cf	2	0	1	1	Knebel p	0	0	0	0			
DiGirolamo 2b	4	0	0	0	Smith ph	0	0	0	0			
Pederson ph-LH	2	0	0	0	PhaZe	0	0	0	0			
Puig rf	4	0	0	0	Mstakas 3b	3	0	0	0			
A.Barnes c	3	1	1	0	T.Shaw 2b-LH-1	4	1	1	1			
R.Dyer p	1	0	0	0	Kratz c	3	0	0	0			
Madson p	0	0	0	0	Grimsley ph	0	1	0	1			
B.Dziur p	1	0	0	0	Cedeno p	0	0	0	0			
A.Wood p	0	0	0	0	Alfonso p	0	0	0	0			
Flores p	0	0	0	0	O.Arcia ss	4	1	1	1			
Grandal ph	1	0	0	0	Miley p	1	2	1	2			
Freeman p	0	0	0	0	H.Perez 2b	1	0	0	0			
Ferguson p	0	0	0	0								
Mason p	0	0	0	0								
K.Jensen p	0	0	0	0								
Totals	49	4	9	4	Totals	34	3	7	3			

Los Angeles Milwaukee												
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi			
C.Tyler cf-LH-2b	4	1	2	2	Cain cf	4	0	1	1			
J.Terner 3b	4	1	2	2	Yelich rf	4	0	1	0			
Freese lb	2	0	0	0	Braun lf	4	0	0	1			
Muncy ph-LH-1	1	0	0	0	Aguilar 1b	2	0	0	0			
M.McChes ss	4	1	1	0	Burnes p	0	0	0	0			
McKemp 2b	4	0	0	0	Jaffar 2b	0	0	0	0			
Blinger cf	2	0	1	1	Knebel p	0	0	0	0			
DiGirolamo 2b	4	0	0	0	Smith ph	0	0	0	0			
Pederson ph-LH	2	0	0	0	PhaZe	0	0	0	0			
Puig rf	4	0	0	0	Mstakas 3b	3	0	0	0			
A.Barnes c	3	1	1	0	T.Shaw 2b-LH-1	4	1	1	1			
R.Dyer p	1	0	0	0	Kratz c	3	0	0	0			
Madson p	0	0	0	0	Grimsley ph	0	1	0	1			
B.Dziur p	1	0	0	0	Cedeno p	0	0	0	0			
A.Wood p	0	0	0	0	Alfonso p	0	0	0	0			
Flores p	0	0	0	0	O.Arcia ss	4	1	1	1			
Grandal ph	1	0	0	0	Miley p	1	2	1	2			
Freeman p	0	0	0	0	H.Perez 2b	1	0	0	0			
Ferguson p	0	0	0	0								
Mason p	0	0	0	0								
K.Jensen p	0	0	0	0								
Totals	49	4	9	4	Totals	34	3	7	3			

Los Angeles						Milwaukee					
000 000 220-4						000 000 220-4					
MLB - Milwaukee 3						LOB - Los Angeles					
4, Milwaukee 8						2B - Cain (2), Mickey (1),					
HR - Turner (1), T.Shaw (1), O.Arcia (1),						SB - H.Perez (1).					
IP						H	R	ER	BB	SO	
Ryu						4½	6	2	2	0	4
Wadson						3	0	0	0	1	1
Madson						1	1	0	0	0	0
Floro						3	0	0	0	0	0
Baez W1-0						1½	0	0	0	1	1
Ferguson H,1						½	0	0	0	0	0
Macedo H,1						½	0	0	0	0	0
Jansen S,1-1						1	0	0	0	1	1
Milwaukee						Los Angeles					
Ryu						5½	2	0	0	0	3
H.Perez H,1						2	0	0	0	0	0
Jeffress LO-1B5,1						1	3	2	2	1	1
Knebel						1	1	0	0	0	0
Cedeno						0	1	0	0	0	0
Guerra						1	0	0	0	0	0
Burnes pitched to 3 batters in the 7th											
Jeffress pitched to 2 batters in the 8th											
Cedeno pitched to 1 batter in the 9th											
Total - 43.905 (41.900)											

# NHL

## Scoreboard

### Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	Diff	100	200
Toronto	5	4	1	0	8	22	13	9	22
Boston	5	4	1	0	8	22	13	9	22
Buffalo	5	4	1	0	8	22	13	9	22
Ottawa	5	4	1	0	8	22	13	9	22
Montreal	5	4	1	0	8	22	13	9	22
Tampa Bay	5	4	1	0	8	22	13	9	22
Detroit	5	4	1	0	8	22	13	9	22
Florida	5	4	1	0	8	22	13	9	22

Metropolitan Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	Diff	100	200
Carolina	5	4	0	1	9	22	15	7	22
Columbus	5	4	0	1	9	22	15	7	22
Pittsburgh	5	4	0	1	9	22	15	7	22
Washington	5	4	0	1	9	22	15	7	22
New Jersey	5	4	0	1	9	22	15	7	22
N.Y. Islanders	5	4	0	1	9	22	15	7	22
St. Louis	5	4	0	1	9	22	15	7	22
N.Y. Rangers	5	4	0	1	9	22	15	7	22

### Western Conference

Central Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	Diff	100	200
Nashville	5	4	0	1	9	22	15	7	22
Chicago	5	4	0	1	9	22	15	7	22
Colorado	5	4	0	1	9	22	15	7	22
Edmonton	5	4	0	1	9	22	15	7	22
Winnipeg	5	4	0	1	9	22	15	7	22
St. Louis	5	4	0	1	9	22	15	7	22
Minnesota	5	4	0	1	9	22	15	7	22

Pacific Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	Diff	100	200
Anaheim	5	4	0	1	9	22	15	7	22
Vancouver	5	4	0	1	9	22	15	7	22
San Jose	5	4	0	1	9	22	15	7	22
Los Angeles	5	4	0	1	9	22	15	7	22
Vegas	5	4	0	1	9	22	15	7	22
Seattle	5	4	0	1	9	22	15	7	22
San Jose	5	4	0	1	9	22	15	7	22
Edmonton	5	4	0	1	9	22	15	7	22

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss, two points for each division and two points for conference advance to playoffs.

No games scheduled

Saturday's games									
Vegas 1, Philadelphia 0									
Edmonton 3, N.Y. Rangers 1									
Ottawa 5, Los Angeles 1									
Boston 3, Detroit 2									
San Jose 5, Minnesota 4, OT									
Toronto 4, Washington 2									
San Jose 5, Colorado 2									
Vancouver 3, Florida 2									
Dallas 4, Pittsburgh 3, SO									
San Jose 5, N.Y. Islanders 2									
Dallas 4, Anaheim 3									
San Jose 5, St. Louis 2, OT									
Buffalo 3, Arizona 0									
Calgary 3, Colorado 2, OT									

Sunday's games									
Dallas at Toronto									
Los Angeles at Ottawa									
Carolina at Montreal									
Minnesota at Nashville									

Tuesday's games									
Vancouver at Pittsburgh									
Carolina at Philadelphia									
Dallas at New Jersey									
Calgary at Tampa Bay									
Arizona at Vegas									
Edmonton at Winnipeg									
Buffalo at Vegas									

### Saturday

#### Canadians 4, Penguins 3 (SO)

Pittsburgh	2	1	0	3-1
Montreal	4	1	0	3-1

Montreal won shootout 2-0.  
First Period—1, Pittsburgh, Simon 1 (Sprules), 1-0; 2-0, Montreal, Letang 3 (Malkin, Keselau), 15:16.

Second Period—0, Pittsburgh, Gallagher 2 (Petry, Fries), 5:08, 6:08, Pittsburgh, Kessel 4 (Crosby, Malkin), 15:16.

Shootout—Pittsburgh 0 (Malkin NG, Campbell NG), Montreal 2 (Byron G, Drouin G).

Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 74-14-23; Montreal 19-15-12-2-0.

Power-play opportunities—Pittsburgh 1 (Montreal 1-0), Montreal 1 (Pittsburgh 1-0).

Goals—Pittsburgh, DeSmith 1-0 (40 shots-37 saves), Montreal, Niemi 1-0 (20 shots-23 saves).

A—21,302 (21,288), T—3:23.

#### Bruins 8, Red Wings 2

Detroit	0	0	2-2
Boston	1	3	4-8

First Period—1, Boston, Pastrnak 5 (Wagner, Carlo), 19:09.

Second Period—2, Boston, McAvoy 1 (Krejci), 11:27, 2, Boston, Pastrnak 6 (Bergeron), 18:09.

Third Period—5, Detroit, Hronek 1 (Bertuzzi, Nyquist), 0:21, pp, 6, Boston, Pastrnak 3 (Bergeron, Marchand), 20:25.

Shots on Goal—Detroit 12-8-14-34; Boston 15-16-39.

Power-play opportunities—Detroit 1 of 3; Boston 1 of 3.

Goals—Detroit, Bernier 0-2-0 (39 shots-31 saves), Boston, Rask 2-1-0 (34-32).

A—17,565 (17,565), T—2:48.

### Golden Knights 1, Flyers 0

Vegas	0	0	1-1
Philadelphia	0	0	0-0

First Period—1, Vegas, Eakin 2 (Carpenter), 18:35.

Shots on Goal—Vegas 5-10-6-21; Philadelphia 10-10-6-25.

Power-play opportunities—Vegas 0 of 3; Philadelphia 0 of 2.

Goals—Vegas, Fleury 2-3-20 (26 shots-26 saves), Philadelphia, Elliott 1-0 (31 shots-23 saves).

A—19,067 (19,543), T—2:13.

#### Stars 5, Ducks 3

Anaheim	2	1	0-3
Dallas	0	4	1-5

First Period—1, Anaheim, Silverberg 1 (Lindholm, Costros), 9:01, 2, Anaheim, Sherwood 1 (Manson, Lundström), 13:26.

Second Period—3, Anaheim, Henrique 2 (Lindholm, Steel), 8:09 (pp), 4, Dallas, Radulov 1 (Seguin, Klingberg), 11:14 (pp), 5, Dallas, Carrick 1 (Spezza, Nichushkin), 13:52, 6, Dallas, Benn 4 (Seguin, Comeau), 14:01, 7, Dallas, Klingberg 3 (Radulov), 17:46 (pp).

Third Period—8, Dallas, Faska 1 (Benn, Lindell), 18:32.

Shots on Goal—Anaheim 10-4-11-25; Dallas 14-30-7-51.

Power-play opportunities—Anaheim 1 of 2; Dallas 2 of 5.

Goals—Anaheim, Miller 0-0 (6 shots-26 saves), Gibson 1-1 (44-40), Dallas, Khudobin 1-0 (0-25-22).

A—18,532 (18,532), T—2:38.

#### Blackhawks 4, Blues 3 (OT)

St. Louis	0	1	0-3
Chicago	0	1	0-4

First Period—1, Chicago, Anisimov 1 (Kahun, Saad), 11:51, 2, Chicago, Kane 5, 16:01 (pp).

Second Period—3, St. Louis, Schenn 1 (Tarsenko, Schmaltz), 12:35.

Third Period—4, St. Louis, Perron 4 (144 pp), 5, St. Louis, Schenn 2 (Stein, Paoletti), 4:47 (pp), 6, Chicago, DeBrincat 2 (Keith, Toews), 13:06.

Overtime—2, Chicago, DeBrincat 6 (Gustafsson, Manning), 15:51.

Shots on Goal—St. Louis 10-12-14-24; Chicago 12-16-6-30.

Power-play opportunities—St. Louis 4 of 5; Chicago, Allen 1-1-2 (50 shots-46 saves), Chicago, Ward 3-2-20 (38-35).

A—21,634 (19,717), T—2:37.

#### Predators 5, Islanders 2

N.Y. Islanders	0	2	0-2
Nashville	3	0	2-5

First Period—1, Nashville, Jankirok 1 (Hartman, Rönkä), 15:29, 2, Nashville, Forsberg 2 (Johnsén, Arvidsson), 16:37, 3, Nashville, Arvidsson 3 (Hampus, Janssen), 19:50.

Second Period—4, N.Y. Islanders, Nelson 1 (Borje, Lee), 8:14, 5, N.Y. Islanders, Ladd 1 (Barza), 12:02.

Third Period—6, Nashville, Turris 1 (Joshi), 4:32 (pp), 7, Nashville, Forsberg 3 (Ekholm), 19:00 (pp).

Shots on Goal—N.Y. Islanders 4-12-6-22; Nashville 16-6-7-29.

Power-play opportunities—N.Y. Islanders 0 of 1; Nashville 1 of 2.

Goals—N.Y. Islanders, Ladd 1-0 (18 shots-24 saves), Nashville, Saros 2-0 (22-20).

A—17,706 (17,113), T—2:34.

#### Sabres 3, Coyotes 0

Buffalo	2	0	1-3
Arizona	0	0	0-0

First Period—1, Buffalo, Dahlén 1 (Skinner, Rodrigues), 2:45, 2, Buffalo, Sheary 1 (Ridgway, Dube), 12:11.

Second Period—3, Buffalo, Skinner 1 (Ridgway), 10:09.

Shots on Goal—Buffalo 71-11-23; Arizona 14-13-13-36.

Power-play opportunities—Buffalo 1 of 3; Arizona 0 of 4.

Goals—Buffalo, Ullmark 1-0-0 (36 shots-36 saves), Arizona, Raanta 1-3-0 (23-20).

A—15,304 (17,125), T—2:31.

#### Hurricanes 5, Wild 4 (OT)

Carolina	1	2	1-5
Minnesota	1	1	0-4

First Period—1, Carolina, Jstaskal 4 (van Riemsdijk, Williams), 8:12, 2, Minnesota, Coffey 1 (Hagelin), 10:09 (pp).

Second Period—3, Carolina, Pesse 2 (Coffey, Hagelin), 11:27, 3, Minnesota, Zucker 3 (Granlund, Suter), 5:41 (pp), 4, Carolina, Ah 3 (Terveenav, Fahlke), 9:22 (pp), 5, Minnesota, Granlund 1 (Parker), 15:47, 6, Carolina, Williams 1 (Aho, Fahlke), 18:51.

Overtime—9, Carolina, Aho 4 (Williams, Pesse), 25:57.

Shots on Goal—Carolina 20-16-18-33; Minnesota 5-14-14-23.

Power-play opportunities—Carolina 1 of 9; Minnesota 2 of 4.

Goals—Carolina, McElhinney 3-0-0 (39 shots-31 saves), Minnesota, Kubarych 2-1-2 (57-52).

A—18,715 (18,064), T—2:55.

### Canucks 3, Panthers 2

Vancouver	0	2	1-3
Florida	0	2	0-2

First Period—1, Florida, Williams 1 (Trocheck, Malgin), 12:31, 2, Vancouver, Pettersson 5 (Boeser, Baertsch), 14:48 (pp), 3, Florida, Trocheck 4 (Reifman, Vande), 17:20, 4, Vancouver, Rousseil 1, 18:11.

Second Period—5, Vancouver, Horvat 3 (Baertsch, Edler), 6:11.

Shots on Goal—Vancouver 9-12-9-30; Florida 11-9-7-26.

Power-play opportunities—Vancouver 1 of 4; Florida 0 of 5.

Goals—Vancouver, Nilsson 2-0-0 (26 shots-23 saves), Florida, Reimer 0-2-1 (30-27).

A—11,953 (15,250), T—2:32.

#### Lightning 8, Blue Jackets 2

Ottawa	0	2	0-2
Tampa Bay	1	1	4-5

First Period—1, Tampa Bay, Hedman 1 (Johnson, Sergachev), 1:00, 2, Tampa Bay, Pequette 1 (Gourde), 11:17, 3, Tampa Bay, Gourde 1 (Johnson, Sergachev), 18:37 (pp).

Second Period—4, Columbus, Anderson 3 (Weninger, Murray), 8:14, 5, Columbus, Bjorkstrand 1, 15:51, 6, Tampa Bay, Point 2, 19:15.

Third Period—7, Tampa Bay, Point 3 (Miller, Sergachev), 1:40 (pp), 8, Tampa Bay, Pequette 1 (Gourde), 12:12, 9, Tampa Bay, Kucherov 1 (Coburn, Palat), 13:02, 10, Tampa Bay, Miller 1 (Palat, Selman), 19:59.

Shots on Goal—Columbus 9-16-7-32; Tampa Bay 12-14-14-30.

Power-play opportunities—Columbus 0 of 3; Tampa Bay 1 of 3.

Goals—Columbus, Bobrovsky 1-2-0 (31 shots-23 saves), Tampa Bay, Vasilevsk 4-2-1 (32-23).

A—19,092 (19,092), T—2:35.

#### Maple Leafs 4, Capitals 2

Toronto	0	2	2-4
Washington	1	1	0-2

First Period—1, Washington, Ovechkin 1 (Ovechkin, Kuznetsov), 0:18.

Second Period—2, Toronto, Kapalan 2 (Stastny, Matthews), 3:30, 3, Washington, Kuznetsov 4 (Backstrom, Ovechkin), 10:21 (pp), 4, Washington, Ovechkin 1 (Gardiner), 18:53.

Third Period—5, Toronto, Leivo 1 (Gardiner, Johnson), 6:28 (pp), 6, Toronto, Matthews 10 (Rielly, Kapalan), 18:21.

Shots on Goal—Toronto 7-9-11-28; Washington 10-9-8-27.

Power-play opportunities—Toronto 1 of 3; Washington 1 of 2.

Goals—Toronto, Andersen 4-1-0 (27 shots-23 saves), Washington, Holby 2, 1-1 (28-24).

A—18,506 (18,277), T—2:31.

## NFL/COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## 49ers, Packers look to cut down on turnovers

By GENARO C. ARMAS  
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Turnovers might be the most important statistic in football.

Just ask the San Francisco 49ers and Green Bay Packers.

The 49ers last week had a 33-10 edge in first downs against Arizona but still lost by 10 following five giveaways.

The Packers (2-2-1) almost doubled the Lions in total offense (521-264) and still lost 31-23 after coughing up three turnovers.

Guess what the Packers will be focusing on in practice as they prepare to host the 49ers at Lambeau Field on Monday night?

"Sometimes that ball bounces your way and sometimes it doesn't. But you have to create more opportunities," coach Mike McCarthy said on Thursday. "We've created too many giveaways opportunities and we clearly don't have enough takeaway opportunities."

A team considered one of the top contenders in the NFC is off to a choppy start. Other than a 22-0 win over Buffalo, the Packers have alternated one bad half with one good one.

The first half has been the problem in three games, which has forced Green Bay to play catch-up. It worked in the season opener, when Aaron Rodgers tossed three touchdown passes in the fourth quarter for a 24-23 win over Chicago after falling behind 20-0.

But slow starts have doomed the Packers in losses at Washington and Detroit. Against the Lions last week, the Packers fell behind 24-0 at the half before losing 31-23.

That's not how you start games and expect to win, especially against a good opponent. We've got to start faster than that," receiver Davante Adams said after the Detroit loss.

The 49ers (1-4) were sloppy, overshadowing the gaudy stats they put up on offense. They also failed to force a turnover.

I think we've been close to winning. It's not an excuse. We definitely should have won more games than we have," 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan said. "We've got to find ways to not turn it over and get the ball in the end zone."

Some other notes and things to watch:

### Backing kicker

McCarthy offered a vote of confidence for Mason Crosby following the kicker's awful game against Detroit, going 1 of 5 on field-goal attempts and missing his only extra-point try. Crosby was 10 of 11 on the year before last week, including two 52-yarders in Week 4 against Buffalo. He aimed to force an extra-point attempt in that game.

"He's a proven, highly successful kicker. I still believe in him," McCarthy said. "But he knows it — he has to make those kicks. ... So hopefully we'll learn from it and move on."

### Not prime

The 49ers were expected to be an intriguing team based on a five-game winning streak to end last year with Jimmy Garoppolo at quarterback. That earned them five prime-time games, starting with the trip to Green Bay.

But the Niners are a much less compelling draw with a losing record and Garoppolo out for the season with a knee injury. They already had a game on Oct. 21 against the Rams moved out of prime time and could lose another in December at Seattle as viewers are less interested in watching backup C.J. Beathard than Garoppolo.

### Rodgers' knee

The two-time NFL MVP seems to be moving a little better each week after hurting his left knee in the first half of the season-opening win over the Bears. Rodgers, though, did say he took a shot to the knee early in the Lions game that might require him to keep wearing a brace.

He also had to play last week without injured receivers Randall Cobb (hamstring) and Geronimo Allison (concussion/hamstring). Allison did at least clear the concussion protocol this week.

The Packers will get a break after the game with a bye week.

### Open screen

Shorter is better for Beathard. The 49ers were able to exploit Arizona's defense with screen passes, with Beathard going 11-for-14 for 130 yards and a TD on throws that didn't cross the line of scrimmage. His 129.2 passer rating on those passes eclipsed his 60.3 rating on passes beyond the line of scrimmage.

"Screens are always hit or miss," Shanahan said. "Sometimes, you catch them in blitzes. If you can get it off and no one sees the guy you're screening to, there's a lot of room to run."

### Run down

Aaron Jones might be the most explosive option out of the Packers' crowded backfield, averaging 6.1 yards per carry. But he was limited to seven carries for 40 yards last week as Green Bay played catch-up against Detroit. Jamaal Williams starts the game and is good in pass protection, while Ty Montgomery is a receiving threat out of the backfield.

If the Packers can play with an early lead, they might be able to give the ball more to Jones to run and balance the offense.



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Florida head coach Dan Mullen, center, is restrained during a verbal confrontation with Vanderbilt coaches and players in the first half on Saturday in Nashville, Tenn.

# After near brawl, Florida rallies to beat Vanderbilt

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Dan Mullen prefers not to talk about what prompted his 14th-ranked Florida Gators and the Vanderbilt Commodores to spill off the sidelines.

Derek Mason says a Florida player said something to the Vanderbilt coach.

In the end, the Gators' big comeback overshadowed the near brawl in which both head coaches yelled at each other.

Jordan Scarlett ran 48 yards for the go-ahead touchdown on the first play of the fourth quarter, and No. 14 Florida rallied from an 18-point deficit to beat Vanderbilt 37-27 on Saturday to match the largest road comeback in school history.

The Gators (6-1, 4-1 Southeastern Conference) snapped a 26-game skid when trailing by 18 or more points. They scored 24 straight after Vanderbilt jumped out to a 21-3 lead midway through the second quarter, their first comeback win since Sept. 27, 2003, at Kentucky.

"Mistakes happen in football," Scarlett said. "It's how you fight through adversity and how you respond, and I think we responded really well."

The finish was nearly overshadowed by an incident in the second quarter on a Florida punt return with SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey on hand to watch.

An official held back Mullen as he yelled at Mason, who was near the Gators' sideline after checking on the Commodore defender whose helmet was knocked off by a hit by linebacker James Hous-

ton IV. Both teams spilled onto the field, drawing unsportsmanlike conduct penalties.

"We're not going to get into that publicly at all," Mullen said. "Derek's a really close friend of mine, and I think we both, our sideline, we got to make sure our sideline we're cleaner in that situation, and I'm sure he probably thinks the same thing. But there's nothing carrying over from my end."

The penalty cost the Gators their leading tackler; Vosean Joseph was ejected for his second unsportsmanlike conduct penalty of the first half. Two people escorted an emotional Joseph off the field.

Mullen and Mason hugged each other at midfield after the game. Mason said they talked. The Vanderbilt coach heard a Florida player say something to him and said he responded, then Mullen got mad.

"It's the referee's job to referee the game and not ours," Mason said. "I've got a lot of respect for Dan. He respects the process otherwise, so we keep it moving."

Florida won its fifth straight this season. The Gators also beat Vanderbilt (3-4, 0-3) for the fifth straight year and 27th time in 28 games in this series.

Vanderbilt turned three turnovers into 17 points, and the Commodores also sacked Feleipe Franks twice and stripped him of the ball once. They also intercepted Franks once. Kyle Shurmur threw two touchdowns with his father, New York Giants coach Pat Shurmur, in the stands. Jamauri Wakefield also ran for a TD. When Florida could hold onto the ball, the Gators simply domi-

nated and outgained Vanderbilt 576-336 in total offense.

Scarlett finished with 113 yards rushing, and Lamical Perine added a TD run and 121 yards rushing for the Gators' first 100-yard rusher this season times two. Franks threw for a career-high 284 yards and two touchdowns. His second, an 11-yarder to Freddie Swain, padded the lead midway through the fourth quarter to seal the comeback.

### Takeaways

**Florida:** The Gators struggled yet again with too many penalties. The costliest came when they left the sideline while Vanderbilt trainers tended to lineman Dare Odeyingbo and coaches started yelling at each other. That unsportsmanlike conduct penalty wound up being the second for Joseph. The linebacker had been flagged for unsportsmanlike conduct on Vanderbilt's third TD drive for slamming a running back to the ground after the whistle.

**Vanderbilt:** The Commodores start 0-3 in league play for a sixth straight season. It didn't help that they lost running back Ke'Shawn Vaughn early in the second quarter to an unspecified injury. Vaughn finished with one catch for 75 yards and a TD, and he ran seven times for 56 yards before being hurt.

### Poll implications

The Gators played sloppily enough with seven penalties for 89 yards along with the turnovers that holding their ranking will be good after their escape in Nashville.



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# COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Saturday's stars

**Jordan Ta'amu**, Mississippi, accounted for 528 yards of total offense and engineered a late game-winning drive to help the Rebels come back for a 37-33 win over Arkansas.

**Clayton Thorson**, Northwestern, threw for a career-high 455 yards and three TDs to give the Wildcats a 34-31 victory over winless Nebraska.

**Devlin Hodges**, Samford, threw for 438 yards and six TDs in a 73-22 victory over winless VMI.

**Alex Barnes**, Kansas State, ran for 181 yards and four TDs to help the Wildcats beat Oklahoma State 31-12.

**Ladarious Skelton**, Southern University, rushed for 202 yards and accounted for four TDs in a 38-0 win over Prairie View.

**Jordan Love**, Utah State, passed for 322 yards and five TDs in a 59-28 victory over UNLV.

**Caylin Newton**, Howard, threw for 313 yards and five TDs in a 55-13 win over Delaware State.

**Tyler King**, Marshall, rushed for a career-high 195 yards with two long fourth-quarter TD runs in a 43-20 win over Old Dominion.

**D'Angelo Amos**, James Madison, returned two punts of more than 80 yards for TDs in a 37-0 win over Villanova.



ORLIN WAGNER/AP

**Kansas State running back Alex Barnes catches a Skylar Thompson pass while covered by Oklahoma State linebacker Calvin Bundage, back, during the second half on Saturday. Barnes ran for 181 yards and four TDs.**

— The Associated Press

## How the AP Top 25 fared

**1 Alabama (7-0)** beat Missouri 39-10. Tua Tagovailoa passed for 265 yards and three touchdowns before leaving early in Alabama victory over Missouri. The Crimson Tide shrugged off another would-be challenger in the league, but down after sliding at the end of a run in the third quarter. Tagovailoa went to the medical tent on the sideline after aggravating a sprained right knee.

**Next:** at Tennessee, Saturday.  
**2 Georgia (6-1)** lost to No. 13 **LSU 36-16**. Jake Fromm had by far his worst game of the season for Georgia, completing 16 of 34 passes for 209 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions. LSU's defense registered three sacks and the combination of pressure and coverage seemed to get Georgia's offense out of synch.

**Next:** vs. No. 14 Florida at Jacksonville, Fla., Saturday, Oct. 27.  
**3 Ohio State (7-0)** beat Minnesota 30-14. Dwayne Haskins threw for 412 yards and three touchdowns and Ohio State held the second-ranked Minnesota. The Buckeyes needed Blake Haube's two second-half field goals and Haskins' late touchdown pass to put away the Gophers.

**Next:** at Purdue, Saturday.  
**4 Tennessee (6-0)** did not play. Few teams seem to have needed time off this season more than the Tigers, who have handled a mentally draining stretch, including the news last week that former tailback C.J. Hilder had died.

**Next:** vs. No. 20 NC State, Saturday.  
**5 Notre Dame (7-0)** beat Pittsburgh 19-14. Ian Book threw a 35-yard touchdown pass to Miles Boykin with 5:43 remaining and Notre Dame remained unbeaten. The Fighting Irish are 7-0 for the first time since 2012, the year they went to the BCS title game.

**Next:** vs. Navy at San Diego, Saturday, Oct. 27.

**6 West Virginia (5-1)** lost to Iowa State 30-14. Freshman Brock Purdy threw for 254 yards and three TDs and Iowa State throttled West Virginia, handing the Mountaineers their first loss in emphatic fashion.

**Next:** vs. Baylor, Thursday, Oct. 25.  
**7 Washington (5-2)** lost to No. 17 **Oregon 30-27**, OT. The Ducks were fortunate to reach overtime after Washington kicker Peyton Henry missed a 37-yard field-goal attempt on the final play of regulation. Henry's kick was wide right. Washington (5-2, 3-1) took possession first in overtime but had to settle for Henry's 22-yard kick after stalling inside the 10.

**Next:** vs. No. 19 Colorado, Saturday.  
**8 Penn State (4-2)** lost to Michigan State 21-17. Brian Lewerke threw a 25-yard touchdown pass to Felton Davis with 19 seconds left to hand Michigan State past Penn State, making it two consecutive seasons that the Spartans used a late score to hand the Nittany Lions a second straight loss.

**Next:** at Indiana, Saturday.  
**9 Texas (6-1)** beat Baylor 23-17. Shane Buechele came on for injured quarterback Sam Ehlinger early in the first quarter and Texas beat Baylor when the Bears' final pass sailed through the back of the end zone. Charlie Brewer drove the Bears from their own 3 to the Texas 17 before he had to rush his final three throws under intense pressure.

**Next:** at Oklahoma State, Saturday, Oct. 27.

**10 UCF (6-0)** beat Memphis 31-30. McKenzie Milton threw for 296 yards and ran for the go-ahead touchdown in the fourth quarter for Central Florida. Milton's 7-yard touchdown with 12:14 left completed a comeback for the Knights, who trailed 30-14 with 2:04 left in the first half.

**Next:** at East Carolina, Saturday.

**11 Oklahoma (5-1)** did not play. Ruffin McNeill is more than ready to step in as Oklahoma's interim defensive coordinator. McNeill, who formerly coached the defensive tackles, took over as interim defensive coordinator at Texas Tech during the 2007 season and earned the full-time position for the 2008 and 2009 seasons.

**Next:** at TCU, Saturday.  
**12 Michigan (6-1)** beat No. 15 **Wisconsin 38-13**. Shea Patterson accounted for 214 yards of offense and a touchdown, leading Michigan past Wisconsin. The Wolverines (6-1, 4-0 Big Ten) beat a ranked conference team for the first time since topping the Badgers two years ago.

**Next:** at Michigan State, Saturday.  
**13 LSU (6-1)** beat No. 2 **Georgia 36-16**. Joe Burrow passed for 200 yards and had two short touchdowns runs, LSU's defense staggered Georgia's normally prolific offense, and the Tigers beat the Bulldogs to give coach Ed Orgeron a signature victory.

**Next:** vs. No. 24 Mississippi State, Saturday.

**14 Florida (6-1)** beat Vanderbilt 37-27. Jordan Scarlett ran 48 yards for the go-ahead touchdown on the first play of the fourth quarter, and Florida rallied from an 18-point deficit to beat Vanderbilt in a game marred by a near brawl, with both head coaches yelling as each team spilled onto the field.

**Next:** vs. No. 2 Georgia at Jacksonville, Fla., Saturday, Oct. 27.

**15 Wisconsin (4-2)** lost to No. 12 **Michigan 38-13**. The Badgers had won a record 17 straight regular season Big Ten games, and 10 consecutive road games in and out of conference play.

**Next:** vs. Illinois, Saturday.

**16 Miami (5-2)** lost to Virginia 16-13. Jordan Ellis ran for a touchdown and Virginia kept Miami's high-powered offense from ever getting going. Ellis scored on a 7-yard run in the first half and Brian Delaney kicked three field goals for the Cavaliers.

**Next:** at Boston College, Friday, Oct. 26.

**17 Oregon (5-1)** beat No. 7 **Washington 30-27**, OT. C.J. Verdell scored on a 6-yard run in overtime and Oregon knocked off Washington. Verdell finished with 111 yards but none were sweeter for the Ducks than the final 6, when he sprinted nearly untouched on third-and-goal and set off a wild celebration.

**Next:** at Washington State, Saturday.

**18 Kentucky (5-1)** did not play. Last week's overtime loss at Texas A&M revealed flaws that need correcting, so the Wildcats plan to use this week's bye to address those issues. "It's a perfect time, falling right in the middle of the season," linebacker Jamar "Boogie" Watson said.

**Next:** vs. Vanderbilt, Saturday.

**19 Colorado (5-1)** lost to Southern Cal 31-20. Michael Pittman Jr. caught two of J.T. Daniels' three touchdown passes, and Southern California's defense dominated previously unbeaten Colorado. Ajene Harris returned an interception for a touchdown in the third quarter for the Trojans, who have rebounded from back-to-back losses with three straight wins.

**Next:** at No. 7 Washington, Saturday.  
**20 NC State (5-0)** did not play. Led by senior quarterback Ryan Finley (330.4 yards per game), the Wolfpack is 5-0 for the first time since 2002. The open week is followed by a trip to Clemson.

**Next:** at No. 4 Clemson, Saturday.

**21 Auburn (4-3)** lost to Tennessee 30-24. Jarrett Guarantano passed for 328 yards and two touchdowns and Tennessee snapped an 11-game Southeastern Conference losing streak. The Volunteers forced three turnovers from Auburn's lackluster offense, intercepting two of Jarrett Stidham's passes and getting a strip sack that resulted in a touchdown by Alontae Taylor.

**Next:** at Mississippi, Saturday.

**22 Texas A&M (5-2)** beat South Carolina 26-23. Kellen Mond threw for 353 yards and freshman Seth Small had four field goals, including the go-ahead kick in the fourth quarter, for Texas A&M. Mond also had a 4-yard touchdown pass to Jace Sternberger in the second quarter.

**Next:** at No. 24 Mississippi State, Saturday, Oct. 27.

**23 South Florida (6-0)** beat Tulsa 25-24, Friday. The Bulls overcame a 14-point deficit in the final 7:10, taking the lead on Coby Weiss' 22-yard field goal with 2 seconds left in a victory Friday night.

**Next:** vs. UConn, Saturday.

**24 Mississippi State (4-2)** did not play. Mississippi State has welcomed its current off week as a chance to rest, regroup and tinker with an offense that's had its ups and downs through the first six games of the season.

**Next:** at No. 13 LSU, Saturday.

**25 Cincinnati (6-0)** did not play. The Bearcats will rest a week before they travel to Temple. It will be the first of two straight road games.

**Next:** at Temple, Saturday.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## No. 13 LSU topples No. 2 Georgia

By BRETT MARTEL  
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BATON ROUGE, La. — As a jubilant sort of mayhem engulfed LSU coach Ed Orgeron, with fans rushing onto the field, the Cajun coach who grew up loving the Tigers calmly looked around and let the spectacle sink in, then hugged wife Kelly.

Joe Burrow passed for 200 yards and had two short touchdown runs, LSU's defense staggered Georgia's normally prolific offense, and the 13th-ranked Tigers beat the No. 2 Bulldogs 36-16 on Saturday to give Orgeron a signature victory.

Five fourth-down decisions by Orgeron influenced the result. LSU converted all four times it ran an offensive play on fourth-and-short, sustaining three drives that each ended on 13 points.

"We were going to be as aggressive as we can. We were going to take shots and go for it and play to win the game the whole time," the burly Orgeron said in his trademark raspy voice. "We were going for it as hard as we can today. We were throwing out the kitchen sink, man. We were giving them everything we had and we did it."

In another instance, Orgeron called timeout and elected to punt on fourth-and-2 after the offense initially remained on the field. That decision pinned Georgia at its 4, and Kristian Fulton's interception of Jake Fromm's pass shortly afterward set up another of Cole Tracy's five field goals.

"He knows what he's doing,



MATTHEW HINTON/AP

**LSU wide receiver Terrace Marshall Jr. (6) makes a reception against Georgia defensive back Tyson Campbell (3) in the Tigers' 36-16 defeat of the Bulldogs on Saturday in Baton Rouge.**

People just, they hear his accent and they just think, 'Oh, his guys are just all rah-rah,'" senior tight end Foster Moreau said. "He made all the right decisions tonight."

Clyde Edwards-Helaire rushed for 133 yards for LSU (6-1, 3-1 Southeastern Conference), and Justin Jefferson caught six passes for 108 yards, including a 41-yard snag of a pass rifled over the middle and between converging defenders. That catch set up Burrow's second TD in the fourth quarter.

Nick Brossette added a short touchdown in the final minutes after Burrow's 59-yard scamper.

As the game ended, fans rushed the field, ignoring pleas not to do so from the public address announcer.

Orgeron, now in his second full season after taking over for Les Miles in 2016, largely deflected credited when asked about his role in the upset over Georgia (6-1, 4-1). But his players made it clear out they felt about him.

"The best way we can defend our head coach, who we love, is by winning football games," senior tight end Foster Moreau said.

**Unsettled Bulldogs:** Fromm had by far his worst game this season, completing 16 of 34 passes for 209 yards, one touchdown

and two interceptions.

He said after the game that LSU's defense presented him with pre-snap formations he had not seen when he studied this season's LSU games.

"They did a good job with some third-down crazy stuff, some one-hit-wonder stuff. But we kind of got ourselves in a mess with the third-and-longs," Fromm said. "I don't know. We made some plays. I think they made more plays. We just really couldn't string them all together."

LSU's defense registered three sacks and the combination of pressure and coverage seemed to get Georgia's offense out of synch, with a number of passes sailing to no one.

"We're just a different group of DBs," Fulton said. "That's our game plan, to be physical with them at the line. ... You could tell their timing was off."

**Giving ground:** Behind from the beginning, Georgia could not to turn to its running game as much as it might have preferred. Averaging about 245 yards, the Bulldogs finished with 113 at LSU, led by D'Andre Swift's 72 yards. Elijah Holyfield scored Georgia's first touchdown late in the third quarter.

"We've got to look ourselves in the mirror and say, 'Ok, who are we?'" Georgia coach Kirby Smart began. "Because we've consistently not played as physical as we need to on the defensive line and we haven't been as consistent as we need to offensively."



THOMAS BOYE/AP

**Oregon wide receiver Dillon Mitchell scores a touchdown in the Ducks' 30-27 overtime victory over No. 7 Washington on Saturday.**

## Ducks take flight in OT, knock off Washington

By TIM BOOTH  
Associated Press

EUGENE, Ore. — C.J. Verdell scored on a 6-yard run in overtime and No. 17 Oregon knocked off No. 7 Washington 30-27 on Saturday.

Verdell finished with 111 yards but none sweeter for the Ducks than the final 6, when he sprinted nearly untouched on third-and-goal and set off a wild celebration in the east end zone of Autzen Stadium.

"It worked out well for us. The game went into overtime and this time we finished the job," Oregon coach Mario Cristobal said.

The Ducks (5-1, 2-1 Pac-12) were fortunate to reach overtime after Washington kicker Peyton Henry missed a 37-yard field-goal attempt on the final play of regulation. Henry's kick was wide right.

"I feel bad for Peyton. That's a lot of pressure for anyone, let alone a young guy," Washington coach Chris Petersen said. "I wish they didn't have that many timeouts. But Peyton's a hard-working guy and he's made a lot of field goals for us in his short career, and he will be back and he will be better."

Washington (5-2, 3-1) took possession first in overtime but had to settle for Henry's 22-yard kick after stalling inside the 10.

The Huskies had a chance to force a long field goal as Oregon faced third-and-11 after a holding call. But Justin Herbert threw a strike to Dillon Mitchell for 17 yards and the Ducks had first-and-goal. Three plays later, Verdell sprinted into the end zone and soon after the field of Autzen Stadium was a sea of green and yellow celebration a rivalry victory and redemption after losing at home to Stanford last month.

## No. 6 West Virginia falls to Iowa State

By LUKE MEREDITH  
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AMES, Iowa — It was arguably West Virginia's biggest test, on the road at night against a plucky Iowa State team with a stifling defense and a dangerous young quarterback.

The sixth-ranked Mountaineers failed miserably.

Freshman Brock Purdy threw for 254 yards and three TDs and Iowa State throttled West Virginia 30-14 on Saturday, handing the Mountaineers their first loss in emphatic fashion.

David Montgomery had a career-high 189 yards rushing for the Cyclones (3-3, 2-2 Big 12), who capped a wild day by beating a Top 25 team for the fifth time in seven tries after dropping 20 in a row to ranked teams.

Iowa State held the Mountaineers to 152 yards overall and zero points in the second half.

They didn't come up with a magical defense to stop what we were doing," West Virginia coach Dana Holgorsen said. "We didn't do anything right. We didn't make plays, we didn't keep our eyes where they needed to be. We didn't run fast, we didn't get off coverage, we didn't make good decisions. We didn't call good plays, we didn't tackle them, we didn't block."

The only solace for West Virginia (5-1, 3-1) was that it was the fourth Top 10 team to fall Saturday. LSU pounded No. 2 Georgia 36-16, No. 7 Washington fell 30-27 in overtime at No. 17 Oregon, and No. 8 Penn State lost to Michi-



CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP

**Iowa State freshman quarterback Brock Purdy threw for 254 yards and three TDs in a 30-14 win over No. 6 West Virginia on Saturday in Ames, Iowa.**

gan State 21-17.

Iowa State scored 20 straight points after spotting West Virginia an early touchdown off a turnover. Purdy, in his first career start, then found Deshaunte Jones through a pair of defenders on a sprawling 32-yard TD grab that put Iowa State ahead 28-14 with 12:17 to go.

The story of the game was Iowa State's de-

fense, which dominated the high-flying Mountaineers. West Virginia was held 375 yards below its season average, Grier was sacked seven times and the Mountaineers were 1 for 10 on third downs.

"I thought at times that we played a lot of complete football," Iowa State coach Matt Campbell said. "We continue to grow."

Fittingly, the Cyclones sealed the win by forcing a hold in the end zone for a team safety and a 30-14 edge with 5:14 left.

Will Grier had arguably his worst game as a Mountaineer, throwing for just 100 yards on 11 of 15 passing. West Virginia was outgained by 346 yards, a stunning figure for a team that hadn't even trailed in rolling up five straight wins.

**The takeaway:** West Virginia: The Mountaineers still control their destiny in the Big 12, with games against Texas and Oklahoma left. But their playoff hopes are currently out of their hands. Still, it's early, and if West Virginia can regain the offensive form they showed through the early part of the season it'll be tough to beat. But this was a bad, bad loss. "It's just lack of execution. I don't know if it was a lack of effort, just lack of execution," running back Kennedy McKoy said.

**Iowa State:** The Cyclones have held all six of their opponents below their season average, which has been instrumental the team's bounce back from a 1-3 start. Can Iowa State grab the second spot in the Big 12 title game? Probably not — but the schedule will ease up considerably and these Cyclones seem capable of going on a run.



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